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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-8535)

FROM : SA HOWARD A. SEARL

SUBJECT: *Mary Grossman*  
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DATE: 3/19/54

By letter dated 3/12/54 Washington Field Division forwarded this office in the file entitled "HCUA - Philadelphia, INTERNAL SECURITY - C" photostatic copies of testimony taken on 11/4/53 before Executive Session of the HCUA held in Philadelphia on that date. This session was conducted at Belmont Barracks of the Pennsylvania State Police, 2201 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., by HCUA staff members ROBERT L. KUNZIG (Counsel), EARL FUOSS (Investigator), and C. E. McKILLIPS (Investigator), in the presence of Sergeant HERBERT GEMMILL of the Pennsylvania State Police.

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identified the above subject during the course of testimony given before the above Executive Session held on 11/4/53. This information appears on page 17. It is to be noted that testimony given in Executive Session of the HCUA is considered confidential by the HCUA, hence, must be protected by appropriated T symbol when reporting.

The above transcript is retained as exhibit 100-38364-1-B-6 (10). It is recommended that in the event a report is being prepared, the above information be included therein. In addition, it is recommended that the entire transcript be reviewed as an individual may be mentioned several places therein in connection with varying activities within the CP or other front organizations.

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TO: SAC (100-1502-711)

FROM: SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN

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On 2/17/54, [redacted] and [redacted] PSIs, of known reliability, orally furnished SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY and the writer the following information:

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In approximately 1941, the informants were assigned to a Professional CP Club, composed of members of the medical and dental professions and their wives. The informants remained in this club until approximately 1948. [redacted]

The informants said that the following persons were members of this club:

Dr. BENEDICT KIM ELMAN  
RITA KIMMELMAN

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| 100-28458 (RITA KIMMELMAN)    | 100-26396 (HERMAN PINSKER)        |
| 100-18793 (DAVE COHEN)        | 100-32942 (MINNIE PINSKER)        |
| 100-5880 (CELE COHEN)         | 100-28462 (EVELYN PEARLSTEIN)     |
| 100-31407 (MORRIS SAMITZ)     | 65-516 (MARTIN PEARLSTEIN)        |
| 100-31403 (DORIS SAMITZ)      | 100-31887 (SIDNEY BLOOM)          |
| 100-7603 (LEON PENZUR)        | 100-18126 (DANIEL SEIGLE)         |
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| 100-28456 (MOLLIE KREPLIAK)   | 100-15392 (LOUIS FEINCHIL)        |
| 100-29777 (HENRY SHENKIN)     | 100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)          |
| 100-26250 (RENEE SHENKIN)     | 100-7765 (MIKE GATES)             |
| 100-24585 (EARL WORMER)       | 100-34981 (CP UNDERGROUND)        |
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Dr. DAVID COHEN  
CELE COHEN  
Dr. MORRIS SAMITZ  
DORIS SAMITZ  
Dr. LEON PENZUR  
HELEN PENZUR  
Dr. EDWARD GREPLI K  
MOLLIE KREPLIAK  
Dr. HENRY SHENKIN  
RENEE SHENKIN  
Dr. EARL GROSSER  
FLORENCE WORMER  
HERMAN PINSKER  
MINNIE PINSKER  
Dr. MARTIN PEARLSTEIN  
EVELYN PEARLSTEIN  
Dr. SIDNEY BLOOM  
[REDACTED]

The informants said that RENEE SHENKIN and MOLLIE KREPLIAK were supposed to be members of the club, but neither informant recalls having seen them at any of the meetings.

The informants advised that MILTON LEOF and DANIEL SIEGLE were present at several meetings of the above club, but neither informant was certain that either LEOF or SIEGLE were actually members of this club.

On 3/3/54, the informants advised that MAURICE NABUT, LOUIS FEINSCHIL and LOUIS SUGARMAN were also members of this CP Club. [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) observed that FEINSCHIL had been a member of the club during the period 1941-1944, but the informant does not recall having seen FEINSCHIL at a meeting during the period 1946-1948.

The informants advised that meetings of the club were held at the homes of different members. BEN KIMMELMAN, DAVID COHEN and MORRIS SAMITZ were the leaders of the club, but the informants were not able to recall what specific offices they held. The informants said COHEN and KIMMELMAN handled the CP literature and gave instructions to the club as to what material was to be read. (On 3/3/54 the informants advised that they believed that DAVID COHEN had been the Educational Director of the club.)

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The informants said that the records for the club were kept by BEN KIMMELMAN and were taken by him to and from the meeting. They recalled that entries were made by KIMMELMAN in the records at the meeting.

The informants were not able to recall who collected the dues but did remember that the husbands usually paid \$1.00 per month and the wives \$.10 per month.

The informants said that SIDNEY BLOOM, with the help of LEON PENZUR, was assigned to arrange the forums, which were held on Sunday evenings on 18th Street between Race and Arch Streets at the American Federation of Musicians Hall, and at the Academy of Music Foyer. The informants said that these forums were arranged and directed by the CP. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN usually served as moderator at the forums. The informants were unable to state whether or not GROSSMAN was a member of the CP.

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[ ] advised that Dr. EARL WORNER was during the late 1940s always complaining about the policies of the Communist Party and criticizing the CP leadership. It was the informants' opinion that WORNER has probably dropped out of the CP by now.

The informants advised that at the meetings of the Professional Club much of the time was devoted to discussions of current local, national and international events. Members were told at every meeting that they must continuously attempt to recruit other persons into the CP. Members were instructed to read the "Daily Worker" and other CP literature including the works of MARX and LENIN. Members were also supposed to sell the "Daily Worker."

The informants recalled that MAURICE NABUT was always in possession of books on Marxism and Leninism and was always offering suggestions to other members of the club as to what CP literature should be read.

The support of CP front groups was also stressed. The informants recalled a New Theatre group, the American Artists Ball, the Artists Union, the American League for Peace and Democracy and the Spanish Refugee Appeal as such groups.

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The question of the possibility of the CP going underground was also discussed at these meetings during the late 1940s, according to the informants. It was said that if necessary the group would be broken down into small groups with about five persons in each group so that one group would not be aware of the activities of another group.

The informants advised that they could not recall having heard or having been instructed concerning the use of force and violence in the overthrow of the U. S. Government. In this regard, however, they recalled the following:

At one meeting the group was instructed to read a certain page in a book wherein was contained a statement by ABRAHAM LINCOLN concerning slavery. The informants said that as they recalled it, the statement said that if it was necessary to change a Government by the use of force and violence that it would in certain circumstances be justified. Thereafter the analogy between MARX and LINCOLN was discussed. The informants were not able to recall this matter more specifically.

The informants recalled another meeting of the group held at the residence of Dr. COHEN in about 1946 when an unknown individual came in to speak to the group. The informant said that this occurred at a time when there was a strike in progress at the Westinghouse plant in Philadelphia, which had been preceded by several other strikes in the Philadelphia area. The speaker blamed the strikes on the Capitalistic System. He said that it was not really intended that the striking workers should win their dispute. He said that even if their demands were granted they would still lose money since their wages were suspended during the strike. He said, however, that it would be better if they did lose since this would create further conflict and dissatisfaction. It was in this manner he said that the positions as exploited workers would be clarified and greater worker solidarity would be achieved.

The speaker was asked when the change from a Capitalistic to a Communistic System might be expected in the United States. He replied that the U. S. was not yet ready for Communism. He said that there must first be much greater strife and suffering as there was in Russia at the time of the revolution.

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The informants said that CELE COHEN, DAVID COHEN, EDWARD KREPLIAK, MARTIN and EVELYN PEARLSTEIN and EARL and FLORENCE WORNER were present at this meeting.

On 2/23/54, [REDACTED] tentatively identified a photograph of MIKE GATES as the speaker mentioned above.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: 4/16/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-0)

SUBJECT: MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
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[redacted] advised on 11/13/53 that GROSSMAN was the leader of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia and that she was also a CP member. Informant stated that she has attended CP meetings with GROSSMAN although she cannot recall specific occasions or dates.

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The informant advised that the subject married a Jewish artist who was also a CP member. She advised that the subject was educated as a Catholic and that, although she has no basis for her opinion, she believes that the subject is presently out of the Party and that her husband is still a member. The informant advised that the subject might be willing to cooperate with the Bureau if she were contacted by Bureau agents.

The above information was furnished orally to SA WILLIAM T. COOK and the original information is located in NY file [redacted]. This is being furnished for your information.

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# Bernard August Of Olney High Fired After Quiz

Tenth Dismissed  
By Board in Probe  
Of Red Activities.

The Board of Education today dismissed Bernard August, 42, a mathematics teacher for 19 years in the city's public schools. The charge was incompetency.

August is the tenth school employe fired by the board on charges growing out of their refusal to tell the superintendent of schools or the House Un-American Activities Committee whether they were ever Communists.

August was suspended from the Olney High School faculty last November. He had been given a hearing before the board on March 22.

The vote for his dismissal was 12 to three. Walter Biddle Saul, board president who opposed the previous nine firings, also voted against this one.

## Two With Him

Voting with him were board members Mrs. John Frederick Lewis and Joseph J. Greenberg.

Another suspended teacher, Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman, testified at an open hearing.

Mrs. Grossman, school employe for 26 years, was suspended by Dr. Louis P. Hoyer, schools superintendent, last November 25 after she allegedly refused to answer questions before him.

The charge of refusal to cooperate with a government agency was added after Mrs. Grossman's February 17 appearance before the House anti-Red committee.

Mrs. Grossman, a blonde woman of 52, is former librarian at the Vane Junior High School. She was the second of 16 suspended teachers to agree to a public, rather than closed-door, hearing.

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#### Recalls Praise

Under the questioning by her attorney, Harry Levitan, she insisted that she had been given a satisfactory rating from school authorities and had been commended by many officials and citizens.

One, she said, was Police Commissioner Thomas J. Gibbons. She said that Gibbons, when he headed the police department's crime



**Bernard August**

prevention division; praised her for helping stem juvenile delinquency in Philadelphia.

"Before you were suspended were any questions ever raised about your competency?" Levitan asked.

"Absolutely none," Mrs. Grossman replied.

Dr. Hoyer said that he acted properly in suspending Mrs. Grossman. He told of questioning her in June and November of 1952.

"Questions I had to ask," he said, "dealt directly with her fitness to teach. If the information I had in my possession was correct she could not properly exercise her functions as a school employee."

#### 'At Total Variance'

This information represented a philosophy which is at total variance with the American way of life.

"I was forced to this conclusion by her own evasiveness and by her refusal to co-operate with my office, which is responsible for separating from the service any unfit teacher."

At the start of today's hearing a woman—one of about 40 spectators in the room—stood up and began to shout incoherently.

She seemed to be saying that she had attempted to see Dr. Hoyer but had been refused permission. She was ejected from the room.

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Mrs. Grossman is charged with incompetency.

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Public hearing is held for Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman (arrow) before the Board of Public Education.

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# Teacher Facing Ouster in Probe Asks to Retire

## Four More Fired By School Board After Hearings

Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman, veteran Philadelphia public school teacher who has been under suspension on charges of incompetency, today submitted a request for retirement.

Her request was made to the State School Employees Retirement Board.

Mrs. Grossman had been given a hearing on the incompetency charge by the Board of Education, and the board was due to vote shortly on whether to dismiss her.

However, Dr. Louis P. Hoyer, superintendent of schools, said the board probably would not contest her right to retire under fire.

### 31 Were Suspended

Mrs. Grossman is one of 31 teachers suspended since last November in the movement by Dr. Hoyer and by the school board to get rid of teachers who would not tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities whether or not they had ever been associated with the Communist party.

Mrs. Grossman, 52, was a teacher-librarian at Vare Junior High School since 1927. She was a critic of board policies while she was president of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia. The union was voted out of both the AFL and the CIO some years back.

She is the last of five suspended teachers with more than 25 years of service eligible to retire in the face of the incompetency charge. The other four applied for retirement without going through a board hearing.

### Will Get Her Pension

Under the retirement rules, even if the board formally dismissed Mrs. Grossman now, her right to a pension, estimated to be about \$1,000 a year, would not be jeopardized, Dr. Hoyer said.

The Board of Education fired four more of the 31 suspended teachers yesterday. The charges of incompetency lodged against them by Dr. Hoyer was based solely on their refusal to answer either him or the Velde committee concerning allegations as to Communist sympathies.

This makes 14 dismissed to date. Three others have board decisions pending and nine others who have hearings pending. None of these may apply for retirement because they have all taught less than the required 25 years.

### Four Dismissed Yesterday

Those dismissed yesterday were:

Sophie Elfont, 45, English teacher at Stetson Junior High, who had 22 years service.

Mrs. Eleanor Fleet, 45, commercial teacher at Olney High, also with 22 years service.

Mrs. Caroline K. Perloff, 45, counsellor at the Ferguson Elementary School, 23 years service.

Samuel Drasin, 46, social studies teacher at Central High, 23 years service.

Mrs. Perloff is the wife of David Perloff, one of the teachers previously dropped.

### Saul Opposes Ouster

The vote was 13 to one for the dismissal of Miss Elfont, Mrs. Fleet and Drasin. Walter Biddle Saul, board president, opposed the board's action and was joined in a dissent to Mrs. Perloff's ouster by Mrs. John Frederick Lewis and Joseph J. Greenberg, making her vote 11 to three.

The board gave a three-hour hearing behind closed doors to William G. Soler, 45, English teacher from Central High School, who was in his 25th year of service when he was suspended last November. The 18th teacher to have a hearing, he was represented by Louis F. McCabe.

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Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman, suspended librarian of the Varé Junior High School, arrives with her attorney, A. Harry Lévitán, for a public hearing before the Board of Public Education on charges of professional incompetency based on her refusal to say whether or not she ever had been a Communist.

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# 10th Teacher Ousted On Loyalty Charges

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Bernard August, 42, a mathematics teacher at Olney High, was fired yesterday, the 10th professional school employee whose loyalty was questioned to be dismissed by the Board of Education. The action by the board was by a 12-to-3 vote, upholding the suspension by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Louis P. Hoyer. August had been in the school system 19 years.

This action followed testimony by Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman, who also was suspended last Nov. 5.

Voting against August's dismissal were Walter Biddle Saul, president of the board, who has cast a dissenting vote in the cases of the nine previous teachers, and board members Joseph J. Greenberg and Mrs. John Frederick Lewis.

## HAD GOOD RATINGS

Mrs. Grossman testified that in the 28 years she was a member of the school system, three as a substitute and the other 25 at Vare Junior High School, she always received satisfactory ratings. During that time, she said, there was never any question about her competency.

Counsel for Mrs. Grossman charged that Dr. Louis P. Hoyer, superintendent of schools, suspended her only after he learned

she would be questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

## CALLS FOR ANSWER

A. Harry Levitan stressed yesterday at the hearing before the 15-member Board of Education at 21st st. and the Parkway that Dr. Hoyer conferred with Mrs. Grossman about the charges in 1952 and then waited a year to suspend her. He accused the superintendent of suspending his client because of

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## 10th Teacher Dropped On Loyalty Charges

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the impending visit before the House committee.

Saul ruled that Dr. Hoyer should answer the accusation. Other members of the board objected. A roll call was taken and the members voted 13-1 against Dr. Hoyer answering the question. Joseph J. Greenberg sided with Saul.

### PUBLIC HEARING

At one point in the proceedings a woman talked loudly to a child with her and then shouted and was ejected from the hearing

room. Deliberations were suspended for several minutes.

The charges against Mrs. Grossman were professional incompetency and willful and persistent violation of state school laws.

Her hearing was the second public hearing. Fourteen others have been held behind closed doors.

Mrs. Grossman served as president of the Teachers' Union of Philadelphia from 1938 to 1942.

In explaining the one-year delay in suspending Mrs. Grossman, Dr. Hoyer pointed out that there were many cases to consider and all required considerable time.

### CLAIMED IMMUNITY

Mrs. Grossman, who lives on Delancy st. near 23, was called to Washington by the House Un-American Activities Committee following her suspension and refused to answer a series of questions, claiming the privilege of the 1st and 5th Amendments.

Dr. Hoyer said Mrs. Grossman was "unsatisfactory" as to appreciation, civic responsibility and ideals and was not frank and candid. He added that she had once stated she had a "middle age loss of memory and was unable to remember in 1952 what had happened in 1951." She is now 52.

The first teacher to have a public hearing was Francis P. Jennings, teacher at Benjamin Franklin High School and president of the Teachers' Union. He was dismissed March 22d.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-23644)

FROM : SA RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR.

SUBJECT: COMINFIL INTO THE TEACHERS  
UNION OF PHILADELPHIA  
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DATE: 6/11/54

On 5/20/54, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, was contacted by SAs WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN and BERNARD T. MC CABE. During this contact, the informant furnished one piece of literature concerning captioned organization, which is described below:

A one-page mimeographed letter, white, 8½ x 11, addressed to "Dear Member" dated May 17, 1954. Letter had the letterhead of the T.U.P., 13 South 21st Street, Philadelphia 3, typed at the top of the letter. Letter was signed by FRANCIS P. JENNINGS, President, and briefly described the T.U.P. luncheon held 5/8/54. Recipients were also advised of a membership meeting scheduled for May 21, 1954, at the Sylvania Hotel at 8:15 p.m. (See 100-23644-1B-5(12)).

Concerning the above-mentioned meeting of the T.U.P. on 5/8/54, which the informant attended, the following information was obtained:

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About 300 to 350 attended. Dr. CLARK H. FOREMAN, Dr. JOHN SOMERVILLE, Dr. MARION HATHWAY, and ARTHUR HUFF FAUSET were the main speakers. FAUSET gave a very short talk and did not stay for the luncheon. During SOMERVILLE's speech, he questioned the legality of depriving Communists of their jobs and claimed that there was no legal way of depriving a Communist of his job. He claimed that today Communists were being tried because they allegedly advocated the revolutionary overthrow of the U. S. Government. SOMERVILLE stated that this was certainly not true because the teachings of MARX advocate the overthrow by peaceful means, and therefore, there would be no need of force. SOMERVILLE said that everything that the Smith Act stands for is contrary to the Declaration of Independence. He claimed that if the Communists were not free agents, then anyone who practiced any religion was not a free agent. He claimed that any argument against Communism could be refuted by logic.

FOREMAN spoke with a southern accent (from Georgia); by way of introduction he spoke on how Wall Street employees are chosen by oral test. He claimed these people were subjected to thinking pattern of rulers. He recommended the reading of "Fear or Freedom". He stated that the "Red" hunters are as dangerous as the Communists. He also recommended reading "The Nature of the Menace" by DAVID LAURENCE.

The informant recognized the following individuals in attendance:

BERNARD and MOLLY AUGUST, HERMAN and EVELYN BEILAN, IDA LANGMAN, FRANCIS JENNINGS, G. BURTON PARSHALL, ROSE RUSSELL of New York City, ROBERT BLANKEN, A. HARRY LEVITAN, IRVING and ELEANOR FLEET, GOLDIE WATSON, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, HELEN CUNNINGHAM, HARRY FRUIT, WILBER and ADELINE MAHANEY, ALICE OSTRUM, WILLIAM and ESTHER SOLER, ABRAHAM EGNAL, BENJAMIN ANTON, BARROWS DUNHAM, DOROTHY WOLF, SOPHIE ELFONT, and SARAH WEPMAN.

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In addition to the above, informant stated that MARY GROSSMAN no longer is teaching, having retired, and stated that DOROTHY WOLF is now teaching at Olney High School. Informant advised that she knew SARAH WEPMAN to be a CP member in the late 1930's.

It should also be noted that during this contact the informant admitted CP membership up until 1948. Informant said that from 1945 to 1948 she was not very active.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (61-7582)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-38364)

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

DATED: 6/21/54

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Rebulet 6/14/54, and WFO letter to Bureau 5/19/54.

Referenced communication forwarded copies of testimony of following individuals before HCUA sessions held in Washington, D.C., on 2/16,17/54:

GOLDIE FELICIA WATSON (Bufile 100-49349)  
 DELPHIA AUGENBLICK (Bufile 100-385977)  
 ABRAHAM EGNAL, wa. (Bufile 100-374534)  
 BERNARD BENJAMIN AUGUST (Bufile 100-392475)  
 SARAH T. CROME (Bufile 100-213679)  
 HARRY NATHAN DUBIN (Bufile 100-193395)  
 ELEANOR FLEET (Bufile 100-34446)  
 ANGELINA L. INTILLE (Bufile 100-363873)  
 ADELITE MAHANEY (Bufile 100-375953)  
 FRANCIS PAUL JENNINGS (Bufile 100-72937)  
 SAMUEL DRESAN, wa., DRASIN (Bufile 100-377186)  
 BESSIE STENSKY (Bufile 101-2844)  
 WESLEY RANDALL (Bufile 100-375375)  
 WILBUR LEE MAHANEY (Bufile 100-352951)  
 CELESTINE ALICE FULCHON (Bufile 100-363507)  
 MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN (Bufile 100-154774)  
 LEANORA C. JACOBS (Bufile 100-392381)  
 WILBERT RUDOLPH MC CABE (Bufile 100-363543)

Reports incorporating subjects' testimony will be submitted on completion of the Summary Report Program now in progress in the Philadelphia Division. It is noted Summary Report Program is scheduled to be completed 7/14/54. It is anticipated that reports in the instant cases will be completed by 8/31/54. It is noted the Bureau has been advised in each of the individual case files of the fact that the subjects had appeared before the HCUA.

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 100-834 (SARAH T. CROME)  
 100-24850 (SAMUEL DRASIN)  
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 100-5863 (FRANCIS P. JENNINGS)  
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 100-27238 (WILBUR LEE MAHANEY, JR.)  
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Date: 6/2/54

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Re WFO letter to Director dated 5/19/54.

Relet forwarded to Philadelphia testimony of Philadelphia subjects who appeared before HCUA sessions in Washington, D. C., on 2/16,17/54. This testimony is retained as exhibit 100-38364-1B-6(12).

In preparation of the next report on each subject appearing before HCUA, the subject's testimony is to be included.

In addition to the above, several attorneys from Philadelphia appeared as counsel for various subjects. These attorneys were:

DAVID BERGER  
LOIS FORER  
WILFRED LORRY  
JOHN ROGERS CARROLL  
FRANKLIN POUL  
IRVING W. BACKMAN  
MARTIN PAPISH  
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Testimony of CELESTINE FULCHON and WILLIAM R. McCABE is to be reviewed carefully in view of statements which may reflect perjury on their past.

A copy of this memo is being placed in the master file of each person appearing before the HCUA.



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## SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential Informants advise GROSSMAN was member CP, EPD, 1939 to 1945; in 1944, Marxist classes held at residence; was "Party" representative of Philadelphia teachers (date unknown); was nominated but not elected in 1945 to Committee of CPA District Convention at Philadelphia. CP membership of close relatives set out. Informants state subject was instructor at Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, Philadelphia, 1944 to 1945; was active in Progressive Party 1948, 1952; contributed \$10.00 to Civil Rights Congress, May 1951, and was member of National Committee, American League for Peace and Democracy, 1939; was sponsor National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and was President of Teachers Union of Philadelphia, 1938 to 1942 (formerly American Federation of Teachers Local 192, A.F.L.). Miscellaneous activity and physical description set out.

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DETAILS: All Confidential Informants used in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP2 ALM/WJB Background  
ON 7/20/98  
Birth #48.41

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, Pa., were examined on November 24, 1950, by SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER, and these records reflected that MARY FOLEY was born on May 15, 1902, at Philadelphia, Pa., to THOMAS and ELIZABETH FOLEY.

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Education

On January 21, 1952, T-1 advised that the subject attended Germantown High School, Philadelphia, Pa. from 1916, to 1920; the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. from 1920 to 1923, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. from 1923 to 1925; Columbia University, New York City, New York, summer of 1923; and Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. 1928 to 1930.

Residence

On June 16, 1942, T-2, another government agency that conducts security type investigations, advised that the subject resided at 2009 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. (date unknown).

On January 15, 1951, T-3, of unknown reliability, a neighbor, advised that the subject had resided at 2302 Delancey Street, Philadelphia, Pa. for about 17 years prior to 1951.

T-3 further advised that the subject continued to reside at the above address on June 29, 1954.

Employment

On January 21, 1952, T-1 advised that GROSSMAN was appointed on September 8, 1927 as an English Teacher at Vare Junior High School, Philadelphia, Pa. and on September 8, 1931, was appointed as a library practice teacher at the same school. On September 8, 1936, she was granted maternity leave and was re-appointed on September 8, 1937 to the same position at Vare Junior High School and was employed in that capacity on January 21, 1953, according to the informant.

The Evening Bulletin, a Philadelphia, Pa. daily newspaper, carried an item on page three, column one, dated April 12, 1954, that reflected the subject was suspended from her employment on November 25, 1953, for incompetency after she allegedly refused to cooperate with the superintendent of schools. An additional charge was added after February 2,

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17, 1954, when GROSSMAN refused to cooperate with the Congressional Committee. This article reflected that GROSSMAN had been employed at the Vare Junior High School, Philadelphia, Pa., as a teacher, librarian and had been employed by the Board of Education, Philadelphia, Pa., for 26 years.

On June 29, 1954, T-3, of unknown reliability, a neighbor, advised that the subject was unemployed.

Marital Status

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On July 17, 1942, T-4, a state investigative agency, advised that the subject was married to ROY G. GROSSMAN, an artist, who was born in Pennsylvania May 17, 1893. The informant advised that this couple had one child that died soon after birth.

Relatives

On July 17, 1942, T-4 supra, furnished the following named relatives of the subject:

ELIZABETH C. FOLEY - Mother  
3514 West Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

THOMAS FOLEY - Brother  
3514 West Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ELEANOR BOYD - Aunt  
3514 West Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

VERONICA BOYD - Aunt  
3514 West Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ROY G. GROSSMAN - Husband  
2302 Delancey Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ROY GROSSMAN, JR. - Step-Son  
No address (T-3, 6/29/54)

ELAINE SHUMAN GROSSMAN - Step-Son's Wife  
No address (T-3, 6/29/54)

Foreign Travel

On January 23, 1944, T-5 advised that he attended a meeting of the Forum of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, (mentioned later). On this date, at the New Century Club, Philadelphia, Pa., the informant stated GROSSMAN, when speaking to the Club, told that she herself had visited the Soviet Union in 1934 and stated that she had seen "the future" there.

Connections with the Communist Party

On November 12, 1953, T-6 advised that GROSSMAN was a member of the Professional Section of the CP, EPD, during 1939, to 1944.

On May 23, 1952, T-7 advised that the subject was known to him as a member of the Professional Section of the CP, EPD, from 1940 through 1945.

On June 2, 1944, T-8, of unknown reliability, an acquaintance of the subject, stated that GROSSMAN was a very active member of the CP, EPD, in 1942. The informant further stated that he believed her to have been a CP member prior to that period of time but he could furnish no dates of activity.

On June 16, 1942, T-2 supra, advised that on January 23, 1942, the subject attended a banquet at the Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., for ANNA PENNYPACKER. The informant advised that "well known" CP members attended this affair.

On February 26, 1952, the Evening Bulletin, a Philadelphia, Pa. daily newspaper, page 20, column five, carried an article that stated the CP, EPD, had issued a statement appraising ANNA M. W. PENNYPACKER, who was one of the co-owners of the "Daily Worker", an official newspaper of the Communist Party.

On May 5, 1953, T-9 advised that he had attended Marxist classes in 1944, at which THOMAS NABRIED had been the instructor and which were held at the home of the subject.

THOMAS NABRIED was indicted with eight others on September 17, 1953, in Philadelphia for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence, in violation of the Smith Act.

On March 31, 1945, T-10 identified the subject as a member of Section 8, CP, EPD, in 1944 and 1945.

On May 9, 1946, T-11 advised that he had received a circular that announced a Marxist Youth Forum on May 3, 1946, at 209 South 60th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., which was sponsored by the West Philadelphia Branch of the CP, EPD. The informant stated that MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, teacher and educator, was listed as a speaker.

On December 19, 1949, T-12 advised that he had observed the subject's name and address which appeared on a mailing list at the Communist Party Headquarters, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

On July 26, 1951, T-13 identified the subject as a member of the Communist Party (dates unknown) and he advised that GROSSMAN was connected with a National Convention and an enlarged National Committee meeting of the CP, New York, and was the "Party" representative of Philadelphia, Pa., among the teachers.

On November 13, 1953, T-14 advised that GROSSMAN was a leader of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia (mentioned later), and that she was also a CP member. The informant stated that she had attended CP meetings with GROSSMAN, although she could not recall specific occasions or dates.

#### Connections With the Communist Political Association

On September 6, 1945, T-15 advised that the subject was nominated but not elected on July 21, 1945, to the Committee of the Communist Political Association District Convention that was held on July 21, 22, 1945, at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Activities of Relatives

On May 27, 1949, T-16 advised that ROY GROSSMAN, SR., was a member of the Cultural Club of Section 11, CP, EPD.

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On May 2, 1947, T-17 advised that he had observed a 1947 CP Registration Form #77645, on the back of which was written ROY GROSSMAN, SR. This form reflected GROSSMAN was a member of the Lem Ward Club, Section 11, CP, EPD, and had been a member for 12 years.

On August 15, 1947, T-18 advised that ROY GROSSMAN, JR., was a member of Section 5, CP, EPD, and held CP Membership Book Number 76443 in 1947.

On November 2, 1949, T-18 described ROY GROSSMAN, JR., as one of the leaders of the West of Broad Section, CP, EPD.

On January 3, 1948, T-19 advised that ELAINE SHUMAN (GROSSMAN) was a member of the Youth Club, Section 10, CP, EPD, in January 1948.

#### Associates

On April 12, 1954, the "Evening Bulletin," a Philadelphia, Pa., daily newspaper, published an account of a public hearing in which GROSSMAN appeared before the Board of Education, Philadelphia, on charges of professional incompetency based on her refusal to say whether or not she had ever been a member of the Communist Party. This article reflected that she was represented by A. HARRY LEVITAN, her attorney.

On March 19, 1952, T-7 advised that A. HARRY LEVITAN was a member of the Professional Section, CP, EPD, during 1940 to late 1945.

#### Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art

On December 3, 1943, T-20 advised that he had attended a meeting of the City Committee of the CP, EPD, on that date which was held at 810 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The informant advised that it was announced at this meeting that the subject would be on the faculty of the new school, the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art.

On August 21, 1953, T-21, of unknown reliability, a student of subject, advised that GROSSMAN was an instructor at the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1944.

On December 4, 1947, T-22 advised that during the spring terms of 1944, and 1945, at the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, GROSSMAN was scheduled to teach "How to Set Up an Organization", "Radio and Press", "Elements of Trade Unionism", and "Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure".

Among the instructors and the courses mentioned in the Catalog of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art for the spring term of 1945, was MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, as an instructor of the course "Labor and Trade Unionism" which was concerned with basic trade union principles and practices.

On March 17, 1946, T-23 advised that GROSSMAN acted as chairman of the Forum of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art which was held at 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. on that date. The informant stated that approximately 250 people were present.

The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

#### Progressive Party

On March 7, 1948, T-24 advised that the subject spoke on that date to the Forum of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art at Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., and gave a report concerning a Pennsylvania State Convention of the Progressive Party that was held shortly before at the high school gymnasium and auditorium at York, Pa. The informant stated GROSSMAN had attended this Convention and she named Progressive Party officers who had been appointed and also announced that HENRY WALLACE was present and had been nominated as a Progressive Party candidate for the Presidency.

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On August 30, 1948, T-25 advised that GROSSMAN was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Progressive Party, Second Congressional District, Philadelphia, Pa., which was held on June 29, 1948, wherein she urged the support of HENRY WALLACE as a presidential candidate.

HENRY WALLACE was a Progressive Party candidate for President of the United States in 1948.

On December 28, 1948, T-26 advised that A. HARRY LEVITAN (mentioned earlier) had suggested the subject as a speaker for a Progressive Party meeting of the 35th Ward Overbrook Section, Philadelphia, Pa., which was scheduled for January 16, 1949.

On January 14, 1949, T-27 advised that he had observed a printed circular that announced the 28th, 32nd, and 24th Wards of the Progressive Party and the Women for Wallace Committee of the Fourth Congressional District, Philadelphia, Pa., would sponsor three rallies on September 25, 1948; one at 2431 North 30th Street, one at 3131 West Norris Street, and the third at the 4100 block of Leidy Avenue, all of Philadelphia, Pa. The informant stated that MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN was one of the scheduled speakers at these affairs.

On January 12, 1951, T-28 of unknown reliability, an associate of the subject, advised that he had ascertained from conversation with the subject that she had been very active in the Progressive Party. The informant was unable to furnish specific dates and activities.

On July 22, 1952, T-29 advised that a woman whose last name was known to him as GROSSMAN and whose physical description fit that of MARY F. GROSSMAN, attended a State Committee Meeting of the Progressive Party of Pennsylvania that was held in the William Penn Room of the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., on July 20, 1952.

On January 30, 1948, T-18 advised that the Progressive Party had been actively supported by the CP, EPD, and that leaders of the CP,



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EPD, had stated at closed meetings that the CP would continue to take action to support and strengthen the Progressive Party.

Civil Rights Congress

On May 2, 1951, T-30 advised that MARY F. GROSSMAN contributed \$10.00 to the Civil Rights Congress in April 1951.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

American League for Peace and Democracy

On July 17, 1942, T-4 supra, advised that in 1939, the subject was a member of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The American League for Peace and Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

On March 10, 1941, T-31 advised that the subject was one of the sponsors of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties located at 1410 "H" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On January 31, 1948, T-32 advised that GROSSMAN had formerly been interested in the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and that she was considered as a good prospect for recruitment into the Civil Rights Congress (date unknown).

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

Tom Paine School of Social Science at Philadelphia

On April 3, 1943, T-32 advised that the subject's name and address appeared on a mailing list of the Tom Paine School of Social Science of Philadelphia at 810 Locust Street.

The Tom Paine School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

American Youth for Democracy

On April 19, 1945, T-34 advised that he had observed a printed announcement which announced a Forum of the "Sweethearts of Servicemen" that was scheduled at the American Youth for Democracy headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. The informant stated that the chairman of this affair was listed as Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN.

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

"The Worker"

On April 4, 1952, T-35 advised that he believed the subject was distributing or selling "The Worker" in 1943, due to the fact that he had seen a list consigning bundles of "The Worker" to 2302 Delancy Street, Philadelphia, Pa., which was the address of GROSSMAN.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Philadelphia Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions

On March 8, 1951, T-36 advised that the subject had announced that the Philadelphia Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions would have a party, scheduled for March 9, 1951, at the Arts, Sciences, and Professions office, 1415 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On January 7, 1949, T-37, stated that the establishment of the Philadelphia Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions was the responsibility and the main activity of the Professional Section of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Teachers Union of Philadelphia

On June 16, 1942, T-2 Supra, advised that the subject was president of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia.

On April 13, 1954, the Philadelphia Inquirer, a Philadelphia daily newspaper, carried an article on page one, column four, that reflected GROSSMAN served "as President of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, (formerly American Federation of Teachers, Local 192 AFL, from 1938 to 1942)".

On July 17, 1942, T-4 supra, advised that on June 7, 1941, the Charter of Local 192, American Federation of Teachers, (ARL) of which subject was president, was revoked by a vote of the Union's national membership on grounds of Communistic activities and Communistic control of Local 192.

The informant further advised that the ousted local with subjectt as president, changed its name from the American Federation of Teachers, Local 192, to the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, 408 Otis Building, 16th and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miscellaneous

On June 16, 1942, T-2 supra, advised that on April 12, 1941, at the New Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., the subject urged that the State Legislature, Harrisburg, Pa., be petitioned not to pass a motion which would withhold State Funds from any school where a teacher or student was found guilty of subversive activities.

On July 17, 1942, T-4 supra, stated that during a speech on May 26, 1941, before a group at Town Hall, Broad and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., the subject stated the United States was almost a dictatorship and she assailed efforts to bar the CP from the ballot.

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On July 26, 1951, T-13 advised that the subject was prominent in helping to form the Committee to Save the American Federation of Teachers and Protect the Schools, (date not known by informant) which was actually a Communist front organization, according to the informant.

On September 17, 1951, T-38 advised that MARY GROSSMAN was on the phoning committee for the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, Local 556, whose function was to attempt to defeat the Pechan Bill.

The Pennsylvania State Senate Bill #27 AKA, the "Pechan Bill" was enacted into law by the Pennsylvania Legislature during the latter part of 1951, and it requires every person in the employ of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political division thereof or any employ of State-aided colleges and schools, other than elected state or local officials, to file a statement under oath affirming their loyalty to the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Physical Description

The following physical description of the subject was obtained from T-2 and T-4 (mentioned earlier) and from observation of SA NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN:

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| Name            | MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, nee FOLEY, was.<br>Mrs. ROY G. GROSSMAN |
| Date of Birth   | May 15, 1902 - 52, age,<br>at Philadelphia, Pa.              |
| Race            | White  |
| Sex             | Female   |
| Height          | 5' 2"  |
| Weight          | 140 Pounds   |
| Build           | Medium, stout  |
| Complexion      | Ruddy  |
| Hair            | Brown  |
| Eyes            | Blue   |
| Scars and Marks | None known   |

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| T-2, ONI 4th Naval<br>District | Residence | 6/16/42 | Mail | 100-8535-3 |
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|  | Position, Teachers<br>Union of Philadelphia | 6/16/42 | Mail | 100-8535-3 |
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|  | Speech (Miscellaneous)<br>1942 | 6/16/42 | Mail | 100-8535-3 |
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| T-3, [REDACTED] | Residence | 1/15/51 | SA ROBERT<br>F. PFISTER | 100-8535-75 |
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| [REDACTED] (confidentially furnished) | Employment | 6/29/54 | SA QUENTIN<br>P. STINSON | Instant Report |
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| T-4, Pennsylvania<br>State Police, Troop "A"<br>Motor Police, Report<br>Pvt. CHARLES G. MOODY | Background | 7/17/42 | Mail | 100-8535-4 |
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|  | Connections with<br>American League for<br>Peace and Democracy<br>1939 | 7/17/42 | Mail | 100-8535-4 |
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|  | Teachers Union of<br>Philadelphia<br>Characterization | 7/17/42 | Mail | 100-8535-4 |
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| T-4; Pennsylvania State Police, Troup "A" Motor Police, Report Pvt. CHARLES G. MOODY   | Speech Miscellaneous 1941                                 | 7/17/42              | Mail  | 100-8535-4                       |
| T-5, Fisur   | Foreign Travel 1934                                       | 1/23/44              | SA NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN                                      | 100-8535-11                      |
| T-6, [REDACTED]  | Communist Party Membership 1938 - 1944                    | 11/12/53             | SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN (oral)                                  | 100-8535-118                     |
| T-7, [REDACTED]  | Membership 1940-1945                                      | 5/23/52              | SA'S HILLARD THORPE WILLIAM E. HUGHES WILLIAM F. HEIST (oral) | 100-8535-100                     |
| FOIA.b 7 D   | Characterization A. HARRY LEVITAN                         | 3/19/52              |   |                                  |
| T-8; FRANK JOSEPH MC LAUGHLIN formerly 3737 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., (confidentially furnished)   | Communist Party Membership 1942                           | 6/2/44               | SA GEORGE W. HUTCHINSON (oral)                                | 100-8535-16 P2                   |
| T-9, [REDACTED]  | Marxist Classes at subject's home 1944                    | 5/5/53               | SA DELMER R. BYON (written)                                   | [REDACTED]                       |
| T-10, T/c EVELYN BEILAN 2728 W. Huntingdon Street Philadelphia, Pa., cooperation JOSEPH FARRELL, City Trash Department, 26th and Glenwood Street Philadelphia, Pa. | Communist Party Membership 1944-1945                      | 3/31/45              | SA JOHN B. WHITE  | 100-29199-1A-9                   |

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| T-11, T/c HARRIET FAHEY, 1238 South 45th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., cooperation WILLIAM SWEETING, Janitor | Marxist Forum Circular, 1946                                      | 5/9/46                   | SA ROBERT C. BURNS                     | 100-15963-1-B-1-1                        |
| T-12, [REDACTED]  | Items of mail from Communist Party Headquarters (destroyed)       | 12/19/49                 | SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY                  | 100-8535-57                              |
| T-13, LOUIS F. BUDENZ, NY FBI (Protected by request)  | Communist Party Membership Position S/S                           | 7/26/51                  | SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. (oral)    | 100-8535-84 (Copy) [REDACTED]            |
| T-14, [REDACTED]  | Communist Party Activity (non-specific)                           | 11/13/53                 | SA WILLIAM T. COOK (oral)              | [REDACTED] FOIA b 7 D                    |
| T-15, [REDACTED]  | CPA Convention July 1945  | 9/6/45                   | SA JOHN E. KEEFE (oral)                | 100-8535-21                              |
| T-16, [REDACTED]  | Communist Party Membership 1949                                   | 5/27/49                  | SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR                   | 100-27012-1A-9                           |
| T-17  | Anonymous Source  |                          |  |  |
| T-18, [REDACTED]  | Communist Party Membership Step-Son (1947)                        | 8/15/47                  | SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES (written)         | [REDACTED]                               |
|   | Communist Party Membership Relatives                              | 11/2/49                  | SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES (written)         |  |

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1948 Communist 1/3/48  
Party Membership  
ELAINE GROSSMAN

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Position Phila- 12/3/43 SA'S MURRAY 100-8535-9  
delphia School of  
Social Science and  
Art, 1943 J. SHEA,  
HUGH M.  
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T-21, JOSEPH RALPH  
MARKS, 5017 North  
6th Street, Phila-  
delphia, Pa.  
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Philadelphia School 8/21/53 SA'S JAMES 100-8535-111  
of Social Science  
and Art Instructor  
1944 W. REDFIELD  
BERNARD T.  
MC CABE  
(oral)

T-22,

Philadelphia 12/4/47 SA JOHN A. 65-1078-1F-27  
School of Social  
Science and Art  
1944 - 1945 HEBERSTREIT  
SE EDWARD  
CRAIG

T-23, L. ELWOOD  
PENDLINE, 1913  
Manton Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
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Philadelphia 3/17/46 SA JOSEPH 100-8535-30  
School of Social  
Science and Art  
Forum 1946 M. ADAMS  
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| T-25, [REDACTED]   | Progressive<br>Party Activity<br>June 1948                             | 8/30/48  | SA F. WILLIAM<br>BURG, JR.<br>(oral)  | 100-8535-95<br>FOIA b 7 D |
| T-26, [REDACTED]   | Progressive<br>Party Activity<br>1949                                  | 12/28/48 |   |                           |
| T-27, t/c ESTELLE<br>SHOHEN, 3113 Euclid<br>Street, Philadelphia,<br>Pa. cooperation JOSEPH<br>FARRELL, 26th and Glenwood<br>Streets, Philadelphia<br>Trash Department | Progressive<br>Party Rallies<br>1948                                   | 1/14/49  | SA EDWARD<br>G. HELVENSTON  | 100-34101-1B-2-1          |
| T-28, [REDACTED]<br>(confidentially furnished)   | Progressive<br>Party Activity  | 1/12/51  | SA THURON<br>D. RUSHING<br>(oral)   | 100-8535-75,<br>P.4       |
| T-29, [REDACTED]   | Progressive<br>Party Meeting<br>July 20, 1950                          | 7/22/52  | SA'S HILLARD<br>D. THORPE<br>OTIS L.<br>BURTON (oral)   | 100-8535-14               |
| T-30, CLIFFORD A.<br>HARBAUGH, Real Estate<br>Trust Company, Assistant<br>Treasurer, 1831 Chestnut<br>Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  | Civil Rights<br>Congress \$10<br>Contribution<br>April, 1951           | 5/2/51   | SA THOMAS<br>F. MC DEVITT   | 100-8535-83               |
| T-31, [REDACTED]   | Sponsor National<br>Federation for<br>Constitutional<br>Liberties 1941 | 3/10/41  | Report SA<br>T. W. DAWSEY<br>dated 3/10/41<br>WFO titled "National<br>Federation for Constitutional<br>Liberties, National<br>Emergency Conference Democratic<br>Rights, National Conference on<br>Constitutional Liberties in America"<br>IS - C |                           |

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| T-32   | Anonymous Source  |                      |  |                                  |
| T-33, [REDACTED]   | Mailing List<br>Tom Paine School<br>of Social Science<br>1943                 | 4/3/43               | SA FRANCIS<br>E. WHITE                       | 65-1078-115                      |
| T-34, T/c FAY<br>LOVETT, 6039 Spruce<br>Street, Philadelphia,<br>Pa. | American Youth<br>for Democracy<br>Party                                      | 4/19/45              | SA ARTHUR<br>AULL                            | 100-26954-1A -3                  |
| T-35, S. SMOLEN;<br>823 Bainbridge Street<br>Philadelphia, Pa.       | "The Worker"<br>Subs. 1943  | 4/4/52               | SA'S HARRY<br>C. BELK,<br>WILLIAM M.<br>KING | 100-4842-1B-25-8                 |
| T-36, [REDACTED]   | Philadelphia<br>Council, Arts,<br>Sciences, Professions,<br>Party March, 1951 | 3/8/51               |  |                                  |
| T-37, [REDACTED]   | Characterization<br>Philadelphia<br>Council, ASP                              | 1/7/49               |  |                                  |
| T-38, T/c DAVID NEIFIELD<br>2728 W. Huntingdon,<br>Philadelphia, Pa. | Teachers Union<br>of Philadelphia<br>Activity, 1951                           | 9/17/51              | SE JACK V.<br>KENDRICKS                      | 100-8535-87<br>(copy)            |

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References

Reports of SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY, dated 10/28/48, at Philadelphia, SA ROBERT F. PFISTER, dated 1/26/51, at Philadelphia, SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN, dated 1/24/52, at Philadelphia, and SA JACK D. BOLLINGER, dated 11/12/53, at Philadelphia.

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7/12/54

SA J. ROBERT PEARCE

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On 5/26/54, the writer contacted Mrs. MARION LINKE, 905 Clinton Street, relative to an applicant investigation (RAE ZIEGLERMAN - PH file 77-7471). As the agent was about to depart, Mrs. LINKE stated that the agent could have the attached issue of "Let Freedom Ring", stating that it was addressed to a former tenant, JAN WEYL, 905 Clinton Street, who had married and no longer lived there.

The copy of "Let Freedom Ring" is Number 11, and is dated May 1954. It is published by the CRC, Philadelphia, Pa. It has information relative to the Smith Act Trial now in progress and other matters. See 100-31535-1B-107(17)

Mrs. LINKE and her husband, CONRAD, are the subjects of Philadelphia file 100-8197, Security Matter (C). Mrs. LINKE related to the writer that she had been "pro LINDBERGH" prior to World War II, in that she did not think it wise for the United States to enter the war. She said that she felt that it was her duty to furnish any information to the FBI. In this connection, it is to be noted that LINKE related that DELPHIA AUGENBLICK (100-20590\*) and her sister, LEONORA JACOBS, formerly resided at her address and at 903 Clinton Street, also owned by the LINKES. LINKE, in addition, volunteered that she and her husband, an artist, were formerly members of an art group organized by a Mr. ROY GROSSEMAN (100-33157\*), whose wife was instrumental in the organization of a Teachers union in Philadelphia. She believed all of these individuals to be CP members and could possibly furnish additional information relative to them. She pointed out that she had withdrawn from the above-mentioned art group when its purpose became known to her and her husband. She recalled that this was about 1934. She

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cc: 100-20590\* (DELPHIA AUGENBLICK)  
100-24693 (LEONORA JACOBS)  
100-8197 (MRS. CONRAD J. LINKE)  
100-19463 (ROY GROSSEMAN)  
100-15515 (MARY FOLEY GROSSEMAN)  
100-23644 (COMINFIL INFO TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA)

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said that AUGENBLICK and JACOBS were teachers of the Philadelphia School System, who balked at answering questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and had recently been suspended from their jobs.

LINKER said she would be glad to talk to the agents.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-1502-711) DATE: 8/3/54

FROM : SA GEORGE J. MOORHEAD, JR.

SUBJECT : CP, EPD, PROFESSIONAL  
SECTION  
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On 6/29/54, [REDACTED], a Confidential Source of the Philadelphia Division and whose identity should be protected, orally advised SA BERNARD T. McCABE and the writer as follows:

ETHEL EPSTEIN PANKEN, who recruited [REDACTED] into the CP, is married to a dentist named IRVING J. PANKEN. The PANKENS were last known by [REDACTED] to be residing on Filmore Street in Brooklyn, N.Y. The New York Office was separately advised about this information.

[REDACTED] attended meetings of the CP, EPD, Professional Section, from approximately 1943-1945 or 1946, at the residence of SIDNEY and GENIEVE FOX, in the 2200 block of Pine Street, Philadelphia. In addition to those who have previously been reported as in attendance at these meetings [REDACTED] stated that

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| cc: 100-23876 (ETHEL EPSTEIN PANKEN) | 100-21749 (ELSIE LEVITAN)                               |
| 100-29399 (ESTHER SOLER)             | 100-27896 (BENJAMIN ANTON)                              |
| 100-30078 (HARRY FRUIT)              | 100-20645 (SAM KAPLAN)                                  |
| 100-23346 (ETHEL FRUIT)              | 100-27238 (WILBUR LEE MAHANEY)                          |
| 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)       | 100-30068 (ADELINE MAHANEY)                             |
| 100-35301 (ABE EGAL)                 | 100-23167 (ELFANOR FLEET)                               |
| 100-33742 (DOROTHY M. WOLFF)         | 100-23644 (Teachers Union of Philadelphia)              |
| 100-19441 (BERNARD AUGUST)           | 65-1078 (Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art) |
| 100-4053 (HARRY LEVITAN)             |   |

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the following had also attended some of these meetings.

HARRY FRUIT  
ETHEL FRUIT  
MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
ABE EGNAL  
WILBUR LEE and ADELINE MAHANEY

[ ] recalled that she paid CP dues only once and that was to ETHEL PANKEN. She said that she had, on at least one occasion, given money to ABE EGNAL for some "party" reason although she could not recall the details.

In reference to the Teachers Union, [ ] stated that the following were active in this organization.

DOROTHY WOLF - Head of Olney group  
ELEANOR FLEET  
BERNIE AUGUST - Treasurer - [ ] sent Union dues to AUGUST  
ESTHER SOLER - Legislative Director  
BENJAMIN ANTON - President when [ ] joined

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[ ] reported that she believed that HARRY and ELSIE LEVITAN were CP members because of their associates. She added that she once attended a social affair at the LEVITAN residence where all those in attendance were CP members.

[ ] said that during the period of her activity (date unrecalled) she attended a Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art affair which was held over the Christmas holidays. She stated that HARRY FRUIT, ETHEL FRUIT, SAM KAPLAN, and ESTHER SOLER were among those present. She said that on one occasion KAPLAN collected \$5 from her for a reason she could not recall.



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Memo, SAC

[ ] recalled that she attended Camp Beacon, N.J., soon after she joined the CP. She was there for a two weeks period during which time she saw no study group or lectures being conducted and was unaware of any CP activity.

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It is noted that [ ] has provided this office with all the pertinent information that she furnished the HCUA in Executive Session in November 1953.

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| TITLE<br><b>MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, nee Foley, was.<br/>Mrs. Roy G. Grossman</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>   |

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject appeared on February 17, 1954, before the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, 83rd Congress Public Hearings, at Washington, D. C., and declined to furnish information regarding the CP or other subversive organizations.

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## DETAILS:

A report, dated February 17, 1954, of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, Second Session, reflects MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN appeared before the Subcommittee at a Public Hearing on February 17, 1954, at Washington, D. C., and she declined under the First and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution to furnish information regarding the Communist Party or other subversive organizations.

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TO : SAC (100-23644)

FROM : SA FURMAN N. GREER

SUBJECT: COMINFIL—TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA  
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DATE: AUG 19 1954

WILBUR LEE MAHANEY, Jr., 704 Trappe, Collegeville, Pa., an admitted member of the CP, EPD, during the period 1935-1946, was interviewed at the Philadelphia Office on 7/28/54 by SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN and the writer. MAHANEY is of unknown reliability as of this date and his name should be kept confidential.

MAHANEY advised he first became a member of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia around the year 1935 and continued membership until approximately 1946 or some months shortly thereafter. He does recall attending a few meetings of the union after 1946. He stated he paid dues to the Teachers Union during his tenure as a member, but that it has been approximately five years since he has made a contribution of any kind to the union, except that he did make a two dollar contribution to the Teachers Union in 12/53.

MAHANEY related that in connection with his membership in the union, he held the office of Vice President for one or two years, possibly around the period 1943-1945.

During the time he was a member of the Teachers Union, he attended many membership and committee meetings of the union. He also was present

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cc: 121-972 (Dr. JESSE HOLMES)  
100-4979 (SARAH WALSH)  
100-27896 (BEN ANTON)  
100-5598 (JOSEPH EHRENREICH)  
R/S New Orleans-PAULINE KASAKOFF FENNER  
100-29399 (ESTHER SOLER)  
100-30159 (TOM DEACON)  
100-35325 (NATE SCHWAGER)  
100-2779 (SAUL WALBAUM)  
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100-26498 (LEA EGNAL)  
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100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)  
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100-22278 (BEN TARIN)  
100-30137 (MINKIE WALBAUM)  
100-30160 (FREDA EHRENREICH)  
100-35301 (ABE EGNAL)

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at the State Convention of the Teachers Union held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1940. On this occasion he recalls having visited with relatives in California, Pa., while at the convention.

In connection with the Teachers Union's relation with the CP, MAHANEY advised he could not definitely say that the union was controlled or dominated by the CP due to the fact he was not aware of the identity of too many of the members of the CP; however, he did state that a number of officials of the Teachers Union, over a period of years, 1935-1946, were in his opinion members of the CP and therefore more than apt would guide the union in ways beneficial to the CP.

In explaining his reason for believing certain officials and members of the Teachers Union were also members of the CP in the above period, MAHANEY said that he based this opinion on the fact that these individuals were closely associated with persons with whom he had attended CP meetings and in their expressed opinions and conduct, seemed to be in agreement with active Communists known to MAHANEY. He was unable to further explain the reason for his beliefs in this regard.

MAHANEY identified the following people whom he knew to be active in the Teachers Union at Philadelphia in the approximate period 1935-1946. Any comments made by MAHANEY regarding an individual will be set out next to the name:

Dr. JESSE HOLMES, a Professor at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., who was an Old Line Socialist and who was the first president of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia. MAHANEY had no reason to believe him to be a CP member.

MARY GROSSMAN, who was second president of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia. MAHANEY felt sure she was a CP member.

SARAH WALSH, who was third president of the union. MAHANEY felt sure she was a CP member.

ARTHUR FAUSET

BEN ANTON

FRITZ JENNINGS

JOSEPH EHRENREICH, who was editor of the Teachers Union magazine in the 1930's, and meetings of the Teachers Union Board were held at his home on Sundays. MAHANEY believed him to be a CP member.

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PAULINE KASAKOFF (FEUER), whom MAHANEY believed to be a CP member.

ESTHER SOLER, Legislative Representative for the Teachers Union.

MAHANEY believed her to be a CP member.

AARON KERMAN, Secretary of the Teachers Union.

TOM DEACON, whom MAHANEY believed to be a member of the CP.

SAM KAPLAN

NATE SCHWAGER, delegate to the National Convention of the Teachers Union in the late 1930's or early 1940's.

BEN TARIN, an artist who did art work for the Teachers Union.

SAUL WALBAUM, attorney for the Teachers Union.

MINKIE WALBAUM

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FREIDA EHRENREICH

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Copies of this memo are being designated for Los Angeles and New Orleans since these offices are office of origin concerning some of the individuals mentioned in the memo.

For the information of Los Angeles and New Orleans, the Teachers Union is being characterized below:

On 11/9/53, [redacted] of known reliability, who is and has been a member of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia since the 1930's, advised that this union, as Local No. 192, was expelled from the AFL in 1941 because of charges of Communist domination. It was operated as an independent union until 1944 at which time it affiliated with the CIO as Local No. 556, State, County, and Municipal Workers of America. In 1946, it became Local No. 556, United Public Workers of America. In 1950, UPWA was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the CP line; however, Local No. 556 chose to stay with UPWA despite these charges. This affiliation continued until 1953 when the Teachers Union of Philadelphia left UPWA to again become independent. The informant believed this withdrawal was actually to avoid the names of union members being taken if and when UPWA was required to register its members with the Attorney General of the United States. The informant stated that for many years the CP members in this union had managed to be elected officers or have become regarded as influential members of the union and have thus controlled the entire union in its adherence to the CP line.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-1502-711)

FROM : SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: CP, EPD, PROFESSIONAL SECTION  
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DATE: 8/30/54

H.S.J.

On 8/14/54, [REDACTED]  
a confidential source of known reliability, furnished the writer the following information:

The source said that the following individuals were known by her during the early 1940s to be members of the Professional Section of the CP, EPD:

BERNARD AUGUST  
ELEANOR FLEET  
ESTHER SOLER  
SIDNEY FOX  
MARY DVORESTSKY

The source recalled having seen these individuals at a yearly "plenum" of the teachers groups in the Professional Section of the CP, EPD, in approximately April or May 1943 at the residence of ELEANOR FLEET. The source said that these yearly meetings were held to discuss general policy of the teachers groups in the CP. She said that most of the discussions

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CC: 100-29789 (SIDNEY FOX)  
100-30162 (MARY DVORESTSKY)  
100-19441 (BERNARD AUGUST)  
100-17064 (BERNARD COHAN)  
100-31889 (FRED FISHER)  
100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)  
100-27021 (AARON KERMAN)  
100-29399 (ESTHER SOLER)  
100-4979 (SARAH WALSH)  
100-23644 (TEACHERS UNION)  
100-23167 (ELEANOR FLEET)

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centered around the affairs of the Teachers Union. She source recalled that at this particular meeting SIDNEY FOX was the chairman of the meeting.

The source recalled BERNARD COHAN, FRED FISHER, MARY GROSSMAN, SARAH WALSH, and AARON KERMAN as having been extremely active in the Philadelphia Teachers Union during the same period, but could not say for certain that these individuals were members of the CP, although it was the source's understanding at that time that they were.



SAC (100-23644)

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SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

COMINFIL, TEACHERS UNION  
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On 10/20/54 [ ] of known reliability, showed SAS WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN and the writer an invitation to a luncheon which had been received through the mail by the Council On Volunteers, 311 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The invitation was retained by the informant so that it could be returned to the office of the Council On Volunteers.

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The invitation read as follows: "Now is the time to examine the record of the Philadelphia Board of Education. You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon and preview of a book based on a verbatim teacher's testimony before the Board at the home of Mrs. ROY GROSSMAN, 1804 68th Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, October 23, 1954, 1:30 p.m.

"Guest speakers - JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, former newspaper columnist  
MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, noted educator.

"Luncheon contribution \$1.25."

The above described invitation bore printer's bug #25.

[ ] advised that he would be unable to attend this affair due to prior commitments.

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CC: 100-13460 (JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS)  
100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
100-33738 (MRS. ROY GROSSMAN)  
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MEMORANDUM RE: MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN ✓

11/29/54

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Office File 100-8535

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 2nd Floor, 2302 Delancey Place, Phila., Pa.

Employment: Housewife ✓

Address:

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

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Verified by: SA O. L. BURTON

Residence: SAME AS ABOVE

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Date: 12-9-54

Verified by: SA O. L. BURTON

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TO : SAC, 100-27238

FROM : SA CYRIL J. HAMMONDS

SUBJECT: DR. WILBUR LEE MAHANEY, JR.  
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(OO - Philadelphia)

DATE: 12/14/54

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By letters dated 11/8,9/54, WFO forwarded to this office two copies of the testimony of Dr. WILBUR LEE MAHANEY given before the House Committee on un-American Activities in Washington, D. C. on 7/30/54. One copy of this testimony is maintained as an exhibit in Dr. MAHANEY's file, 100-27238-1A-8; and the other copy is being made an exhibit in the HCUA file, PH 100-38364.

As noted in the testimony, which begins on Page 6,773 and ends on page 6,798, Dr. MAHANEY appeared voluntarily before this committee on 7/30/54, and furnished information regarding his CP activity and the CP activity of other individuals known to this office.

The testimony given by the Subject regarding each individual will not be summarized in this memo, but instead, a notation will be made regarding the page numbers where the testimony appears.

The following are the individuals about whom the Subject furnished information and the page numbers where the testimony is set forth:

Mrs. SYLVIA DRASIN and husband SAMUEL DRASIN, pages 6,779; 6,780; 6,782; 6,784.

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| 100-25277 (SYLVIA DRASIN)              | 100-30068 (ADELINE MAHANEY)    |
| 100-24850 (SAMUEL DRASIN)              | 100-29789 (SIDNEY FOX)         |
| 100-30209 (LILLIAN MARCOVITZ)          | 100-4965 (GENIEVE FOX)         |
| 100-10881 (DR. ELI MARCOVITZ)          | 100-25344 (ADELE MARGOLIS)     |
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| 100-2599 (LUCIA GEISELMAN)             | 100-5863 (FRANCIS P. JENNINGS) |
| 100-36176 (Mrs. ANNE REISBORD)         | 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN) |
| 100-3610 (ALEX REISBORD)               | 100-4079 (SARAH WALSH)         |
| 100-35838 (Mrs. ELIZABETH FINKELSTEIN) | 100-30078 (HARRY FRUIT)        |
| 100-10883 (Dr. ELI FINKELSTEIN)        | 100-23346 (ETHEL FRUIT)        |
| 100-28667 (SOPHIE ELFONT)              | 100-29399 (ESTHER SOLER)       |

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Mrs. LILLIAN MARCOVITZ, page 6,780  
Dr. ELI MARCOVITZ, pages 6,780;6,781  
Miss (FNU) REED, page 6,781  
PAUL GEISELMAN, Sr., page 6,782  
PAUL GEISELMAN, Jr., page 6,782  
LUCIA GEISELMAN, page 6,782  
Mrs. ANNE REISBORD, page 6,783  
ALEX REISBORD, page 6,783  
Mrs. ELIZABETH FINKELSTEIN, pages 6,783; 6,784  
Dr. ELI FINKELSTEIN, page 6,784  
SOPHIE ELFONT, pages 6,784; 6,785  
Mrs. ELEANOR FLEET, pages 6,784; 6,790  
ALICE MAHANEY, pages 6,784; 6,785; 6,790  
SIDNEY FOX, pages 6,785; 6,786; 6,788; 6,790  
GENIEVE FOX, pages 6,785; 6,786; 6,788; 6,790  
ADELE MARGOLIS, pages 6,786; 6,790  
LILLIAN LOWENFELS, pages 6,786; 6,787; 6,790  
CELESTINE FULCHON, page 6,786  
FRANCIS P. JENNINGS, page 6,788  
MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, page 6,790  
Miss SARAH WALSH, page 6,790  
HARRY FRUIT, page 6,791

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ETHEL FRUIT, page 6,791.

The name Miss REED is being indexed to this memo.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-8535)

DATE: 3/11/55

FROM : SA DELMER R. EXON

SUBJECT: MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, was.  
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Re SAC letters 55-8(A) and 55-12(A) entitled Security Index.

Reliable informants have furnished the following information concerning the subject;

MARY GROSSMAN was a member of the Communist Party at Philadelphia, Pa., from 1939 to 1945. LOUIS F. BUDENZ, who was a national functionary of the CP until he broke with that organization in October 1945, has advised that MARY GROSSMAN was the Party representative in Philadelphia, Pa., among the teachers. In 1945, according to a reliable informant, subject was nominated but not elected to the District Committee of the Communist Political Association. In 1946 subject was scheduled to speak at an affair which was sponsored by the West Philadelphia branch of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. In addition to the above, reliable informants have furnished the following:

In 1944, subject in the course of a speech at Philadelphia, Pa., stated that she had visited the Soviet Union in 1934 and had seen "the future" <sup>and</sup>. In 1939 subject was a member of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

From 1938 to 1942, MARY GROSSMAN was President of Local 192, American Federation of Teachers (AFL), the charter of which was revoked in 1941 on the ground of Communist controlled. After 1941, the Union was called the Teachers Union of Philadelphia.

In 1944, MARY GROSSMAN was an instructor at the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, and in a catalogue listing the courses at the school for 1945, she was also listed as an instructor. In 1946 and 1948, subject spoke at several forums which were sponsored by the above school.

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In 1948, subject was active in the Progressive Party at Philadelphia and was scheduled to speak at a meeting sponsored by that organization in 1949. In 1951, subject made a contribution to the Civil Rights Congress. In February 1954, MARY GROSSMAN appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and declined to furnish information concerning the CP or other subversive organizations on the grounds of the 5th and the 1st Amendment.

ROY GROSSMAN, Jr., subject's stepson, and his wife, ELAINE SHUMAN GROSSMAN are both Security Index subjects of the Philadelphia Office.

The above information has been reviewed by Field Supervisor SA NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN and it is recommended that MARY GROSSMAN be continued on the Security Index.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-154774)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-8535)

MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, wa.  
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(OO: Philadelphia)

Reference - SAC Letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case

Reliable informants have furnished the following information:

Subject was a member of the CP during 1940 to 1945, and in 1946 was scheduled to speak at a CP meeting in Philadelphia, Pa.

On 2/17/54, at a hearing before the HCUA, subject declined, on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment, to furnish information concerning the CP or other subversive organizations.

Reliable informants have furnished the following additional information. In 1939, subject was a member of the National Committee of the American League For Peace and Democracy. In 1941, GROSSMAN was listed as a sponsor of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Subject was President of Local 192, American Federation of Teachers (AFL), at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1942, when the charter of that organization was revoked by the parent union on the ground that Local 192 was Communist controlled. In 1944 and 1945, subject was listed as an instructor at the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art. GROSSMAN was active in the Progressive Party in 1948, and in 1951 contributed to the Civil Rights Congress.

Recommendation

Remove from Security Index (per Field Supervisor NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN).

The recommendation is based on lack of evidence of CP membership or activity during the past five years, and absence of evidence of substantial participation in front group activity during the past three years.

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- (2) Subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under SAC Letter 55-12 (A).
- (3) If removal of subject is not approved, subject is not recommended for Detcom tabbing since her case does not meet the requirements of SAC Letter 55-12 (A).

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-154774)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-8535)

MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, wa.  
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(OO: Philadelphia)

Security Index Card Canceled

Reference - SAC Letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

## Succinct Resume of Case

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## Recommendation

Remove from Security Index (per Field Supervisor NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN).

The recommendation is based on lack of evidence of CP membership or activity during the past five years, and absence of evidence of substantial participation in front group activity during the past three years.

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SAC (100-41742)

December 21, 1955

SA Carl E. Claiborne

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG;  
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Confidential Source [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically contacted the writer on December 12, 1955, and advised that his company had received an order from Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN to print 10,000 letterheads for captioned organization. In addition to the letterheads, GROSSMAN ordered 10,000 small envelopes addressed as follows: "Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, Committee to Defend Dr. Albert E. Blumberg, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia, 18, Pa." In addition, GROSSMAN ordered 10,000 legal-size envelopes bearing the return address of ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER.

[redacted] said that GROSSMAN instructed the 10,000 letterheads be delivered to the Atlas Duplicating Service, from which [redacted] speculated that Atlas would mimeograph a letter onto the letterhead. [redacted] said GROSSMAN instructed that the remaining material be delivered to the office of the Civil Rights Congress, Hardt Building, 1649 North Broad Street.

On December 13, 1955, [redacted] furnished the writer with a sample of each of the 3 items described above. This material has been made an exhibit in 100-41742-1A-4.

- 1 - 100-41742
- 1 - 100-6078 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- ① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
- 1 - 100-31535 (CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS)
- 1 - 100-36184 (ATLAS DUPLICATING SERVICE)
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SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR.  
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Reairtel to Bureau, 11/30/55.

Reairtel reflects that ELIZABETH FRAZIER is  
Chairman and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN is Secretary of the Committee  
to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.

Both FRAZIER and GROSSMAN have been removed from  
the Security Index.

It is believed that FRAZIER and GROSSMAN should be  
considered for inclusion on the Security Index again in  
accordance with SAC Letter 55-30, inasmuch as they hold  
leadership positions in what appears to be a Communist front.

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SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 12/16/55, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE with a four page pamphlet entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, Thinking Forbidden Thoughts."

This pamphlet is located in 100-41743-1A-5.

Page four of the pamphlet contains a coupon addressed to Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, Committee to Defend ALBERT BLUMBERG, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This coupon provides spaces for (1) enclosing a financial contribution to the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG, (2) requesting additional pamphlets, (3) requesting more information on the BLUMBERG case and on the work of the defense committee.

The pamphlet urges individuals to (1) write to President Eisenhower asking that he halt further Smith Act prosecutions and arrests, (2) write to their Congressmen calling attention to the growing demand for repeal of the Smith Act, (3) aid in the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG by sending contributions to:

Committee to Defend ALBERT BLUMBERG  
Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman  
Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary

[REDACTED] advised that he received this pamphlet at the ECIC meeting on 12/15/55.

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On 1/3/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in the past, furnished a written report to SA MAURICE C. CARROLL indicating captioned Committee sent out a letter and a folder relative to trial of ALBERT BLUMBERG. Letter was signed by ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, as Chairman, and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, as Secretary.

"Pennsylvania Edition - The Worker" issue of 1/1/56 announced captioned Committee sent out a letter and folder as part of an appeal for \$10,000 for the defense of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, whose trial, under the Membership Provisions of the Smith Act, is scheduled for 1/30/56. The folder is entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG - Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." The folder and the appeal have been mailed "to a large number of prominent people in this and other areas," according to the "Pennsylvania Edition - The Worker." The article stated that

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- 1 - NEW YORK (INFO)(REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - PH 100-41742
- 1 - PH 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)
- 1 - PH 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- ① - PH 100-8535 (MARY F. GROSSMAN)
- 1 - PH 100-90938 (CONFEROS - PH)
- 1 - [REDACTED]
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as a result of relaxation of tensions resulting from the Geneva Conference "this membership case can be won through a strong defense, participated in by growing numbers of aroused, patriotic Americans." FRAZIER and GROSSMAN were formerly included in the Security Index of the PH Office.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, (100-41742)

FROM : SA OTIS BURTON

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DR. ALBERT  
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DATE: 1-9-56

The MORNING FREIHEIT, on 1-2-56, published the following item on page 6, column 1-2-3. The translation of this material from the Yiddish was made by Translator HARRY TOPLAN of the Philadelphia Office.

Column 1:

In an item captioned as above the COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG has sent out a call for financial aid. The call was signed by ELIZABETH BRAZIER, Chairman, and by the Sec'y MRS. MARY POLAT GROSSMAN. Both are active in the struggle for civil rights. In their appeal they request the sum of \$10,000. for the defense. All contributions to be mailed to MISS ELIZABETH BRAZIER, 8024 BOARDWALK ST. PHILA. 28.

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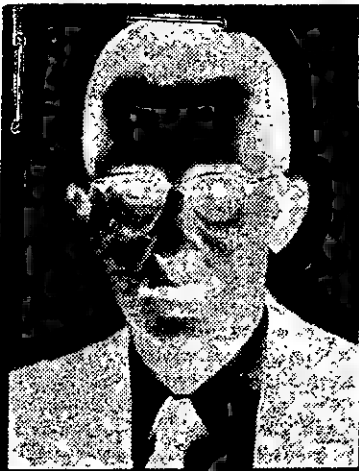
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DR. BLUMBERG

**Blumberg Comm.  
Asks \$10,000  
Defense Fund**

PHILADELPHIA. — An appeal for the raising of \$10,000 for the defense of Dr. Albert E. Blumberg, National Legislative Representative of the American Communist Party, who will go on trial here under the membership provision of the Smith Act January 30, has been issued by the Philadelphia committee headed by Miss Elizabeth Frazier, with Mary Foley Crossman as its secretary.

A folder headed: "The Crime of Dr. Albert Blumberg—Thinking Forbidden Thoughts," has been mailed, with the appeal, to a large number of prominent people in this and other areas. The folder gives the story of Blumberg's life, his accomplishments in the field of education, and his parallel activities in the AFL Teachers Union, the organization of consumers, and the anti-segregation fight.

The folder points out that the indictments and convictions under the Smith Act "took place during the height of the 'cold war,' with all its tensions, suspicions and fears. The times that produced them," it emphasizes, "are passing with the relaxation of tensions—as President Eisenhower called it—which resulted from the Geneva Conference and the new era of commonsense and peaceful negotiation rather than belligerence in settling international differences."

"This membership case CAN BE WON," the Committee stresses, "through a strong defense, participated in by growing numbers of aroused, patriotic Americans."

Contribution to Dr. Blumberg's defense should be sent to: Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier, chairman, Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg, 8024 Roanoke St., Philadelphia 18, Pa. Copies of the folder may be obtained on request.

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On 1/3/56 [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished a hand written report to SA MAURICE C. CARROLL. This report has been designated in informant's file as [redacted]. Pertinent information appearing therein is herewith set forth as follows:

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On 12/17/55 the informant received a Christmas and business card from MARION SCHULTZ bearing the address Valley Inn Route 17N, Chester, N. Y. Telephone Chester 3193.

At the Russian American Club on 12/22/55 informant heard that word from persons who had visited MARION SCHULTZ was to the effect that business was terrible due to the cold weather and the new pike which is taking much of the business of Route 17.

On 12/29/55 informant received letter from Arrow Farm, Inc., P. O. Box 465, Monroe, N. Y., announcing an annual membership meeting to be held at the Russian American Center Inc., 61-63 Rivington Street, New York, N. Y., this meeting to start at 10:00 a.m. 1/22/56.

Informant verbally advised that he would attend this meeting accompanied by ISAAC TITORCHUK of the Russian American Club and that they planned to visit MARION SCHULTZ during this trip to New York.

On 12/26/55 TITORCHUK advised the informant that Arrow Farm was up for sale, asking price \$600,000.00 with the money received from the sale to be shared by all members and contributors.

[redacted] reported that he had received a letter and folder from the committee to defend DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. Letter was signed by ELIZABETH

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- 2 - (100-95553) (RM)
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- 6 - Philadelphia
- 1 - (100-41742) (Committee to defend DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - (100-6087) (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)
- ① - (100-8535) (MARY FOLEY CROSSMAN)
- 1 - (100-27195) (RUSSIAN AMERICAN CLUB)
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P. FRAZIER, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa., Chairman and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary. Letter and folder received by SA MAURICE C. CARROLL thru mail on 1/5/56 and not retained as Philadelphia has numerous copies of same.

Informant observed that during 1955 the Russian American Club and its membership (active and social) still maintains the CP line. Club continues to support the Russkey Golos and Arrow Farm campaigns for raising money. Soviet produced films are still shown and membership from time to time continues to cooperate with subversive, Polish, and Ukrainian groups. Bulletin board at Russian American Club continues to carry notices of Soviet films, pro-Soviet lectures and films held outside of the Russian American Club. Informant expects policy to continue as long as same group in charge of Russian American Club.

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SA ROBERT E. KENT

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
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On 11/30/55, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON two copies of a leaflet which are retained as exhibits in 100-41742-1A-3. This material was secured as a result of a trash cover on the offices of the Pennsylvania CRC, Room 312, Hardt Building, 1649 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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This leaflet was entitled "The Crime of Doctor ALBERT BLUMBERG," which was issued by the Committee To Defend ALBERT BLUMBERG whose officers were reflected to be Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, and Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary. This leaflet concerns the forthcoming trial of Doctor ALBERT BLUMBERG in Philadelphia under the Membership Provisions of the Smith Act. It describes the Educational Background of BLUMBERG and states in part as follows:

"In 1939, Doctor BLUMBERG became State Chairman of the Communist Party of Maryland, a position he held until 1943. In 1940, he was haled before the notorious dies committee where he refused to answer questions involving anyone but himself, and was held in contempt of that committee. In 1943, he was appointed National Legislative Representative of the Communist Party with headquarters in Washington, D.C. It was while fulfilling the duties of that post in New York. . . that he was indicted last October under the Smith Act."

The recipient is requested to write the President of the United States asking a halt to further Smith Act prosecutions and arrests; to write Congressmen calling attention to the growing demand for repeal of the Smith Act and to aid in the defense of Doctor BLUMBERG through contributions.

[redacted] orally advised SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON that large bundles of the above material had been delivered to the CRC Office in the recent past.

- 1 - 100-41742
- 1 - 100-31535 (CRC)
- 1 - 100-36938 (COMPROS)
- 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)

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SA JOHN T. BLAIR

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 12/29/55 [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to the writer the following literature which the informant had received through the mail during the preceding week:

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1. A one-page mimeographed letter, bearing the letterhead "Committee to Defend Doctor ALBERT E. BLUMBERG." This letter urged the recipient to contribute to the committee to help raise \$10,000 needed for the defense of BLUMBERG in the first court proceedings. All contributions are to be made payable to ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman. This letter is signed by "ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman; MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary."

2. A four-page printed brochure which, the above letter advises, explains the BLUMBERG case fully. This brochure, which is captioned "The Crime of Doctor ALBERT BLUMBERG - Thinking Forbidding Thoughts," purports to set out BLUMBERG's background, attacks the validity of the Smith Act of 1940 under which he is tried, and urges the reader to:

"1. Write to President EISENHOWER, asking that he halt further Smith Act prosecutions and arrests.

"2. Write your Congressman, calling his attention to the growing demand for repeal of the Smith Act.

- 1 - 100-41742
- 1 - 100-8548 (DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8535 (MARY F. GROSSMAN)
- 1 - 100-30295 (CP FUNDS)
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- "3. Aid in the defense of Doctor BLUMBERG by sending contributions to Committee to Defend Doctor ALBERT E. BLUMBERG."

This brochure was signed "Miss ELIZABETH FRAZIER, Chairman; Mrs. MARY FOLEY CROSSMAN, Secretary."

The above two items have been made an exhibit in 100-41742-1A-6.

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Enclosed herewith are the following items:

1. A letter over the signature of J. FREEDMAN, 115 Broad Street, Mt. Holly, N. J., dated January 14th (1956), in which he enclosed literature received by various members of the American Jewish Congress concerning the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.
2. The envelope addressed to the FBI, Philadelphia, bearing PM date 1/16/56, in which the above information was submitted.
3. An envelope addressed to BELLE FREEDOM, 115 Broad Street, Mt. Holly, N. J., bearing the return address of the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER-Chairman, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa., bearing PM date 1/10/56 (PO #3 at 11:00 p.m.; PO #4 at 12:00 p.m.) in which the following items were probably enclosed:
4. An undated one page letter on the letterhead of the Committee to Defend Doctor ALBERT E. BLUMBERG requesting contributions to this committee, listing Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as Secretary, and ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER as Chairman.

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1-Philadelphia (100-41742) (Committee to Defend  
Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG)

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5. An envelope bearing the address Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, Committee to Defend Doctor ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa., in which to return contributions.
6. A four-page release captioned "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG - Thinking Forbidden Thoughts."
7. A copy of a letter of acknowledgment to Mr. JACOB FREEDMAN.

For the information of Newark, the indices of the Philadelphia Office reflect no references identifiable with Mr. JACOB FREEDMAN, BELLE FREEDMAN or BELLE FREEDOM. It is to be noted that Philadelphia reference 62-O-11067 A.B., however, reflects a routine inquiry from one JACOB FREEDMAN, 337 Broad Street, Mt. Holly, N. J., and a letter of acknowledgment referring this individual to the agency handling the matter in which he was interested.

It is to be noted that the address appearing on Item #3 above "BELLE FREEDOM, 115 Broad Street, Mt. Holly, N. J.," appears to be an addressograph address. The Newark Office may consider the possibility of comparing Item #3 with American Jewish Congress addressograph plates through an American Jewish Congress contact or by comparison of this item with other mail received by Mrs. FREEDMAN (FREEDOM on plate) from the American Jewish Congress with a view toward determining if the American Jewish Congress addressograph plates were used for the above mailing. The above is for your information.

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On 1/27/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, orally advised SA JEREMIAH V. BOWEN that captioned group sponsored an affair in honor of ALBERT E. BLUMBERG 1/26/56 at New Century Auditorium, 184 South 12th Street, PH, attended by about 150 to 175 persons. ELIZABETH FRAZIER was Chairman of the affair and introduced guest, Dr. ROBERT MITCHELL, and other speakers. MARY PERLEY GROSSMAN handled the collection speech and an estimated \$200.00 was received. FRAZIER and GROSSMAN are former PH SI subjects.

BARRONS DUNHAM, former Philosophy Instructor at Temple University, PH, who was discharged for using protection

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- 1 - PH 100-33142 (CP, USA - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - PH 100-8548 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - PH 100-25499 (BARRONS DUNHAM)
- 1 - PH 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1 - PH 100-8535 (MARY PERLEY GROSSMAN)
- 1 - PH 62-1555 (GROSSMAN MARRIED)
- 1 - [redacted]
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of the Fifth Amendment when he was questioned by a Congressional Committee, gave a clear talk against the Smith Act and expressed sympathy for oppressed people.

THOMAS WILKINS, convicted FE Smith Act defendant, spoke on his conviction under the Smith Act of conspiracy to teach and advocate overthrow of the Government. WILKINS said he had been caught in the web of big business and the capitalists, in which the capitalists are conspiring against the working class. WILKINS stated he was guilty of fighting for ordinary people, such as labor and Negroes. He called for repeal of the Smith Act, explaining the Communist Party was for the people, not to overthrow the Government, and wants to change the Government, but not by violence.

ALBERT BLUMBERG, indicted FE Smith Act defendant, received some of his part and said he was guilty of membership in the Communist Party and of fighting for the oppressed. He stated the threat of McCarthyism is not dead because Senator WATKINS' ideas are bad. BLUMBERG announced he did not expect to go to jail because the tide is changing. He cited the trials of ALBERT EINSTEIN and JAMES DUBOIS and explained that the results of appeals in these two cases would end the Smith Act trials. BLUMBERG also called for repeal of the Smith Act. He said the Restoration of Independence stated that if the people were not satisfied with their Government, they could overthrow or change it. He explained that the CP does not advocate overthrow of the Government by force and violence, but does advocate a change to the Socialist form by constitutional means. He said the CP aims to effect this change by constitutional means and would not try any other way while the constitutional means remain. BLUMBERG also called for repeal of the FE SMITH Act and the removal of Senator WATKINS, Congressman WATKINS, and the head of the ALEC.

WILLIAM HITCHCOCK, Attorney at Rogers University, mentioned he taught ALBERT BLUMBERG when BLUMBERG was a

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student (in college). MITCHELL said he fights for persons he believes are being persecuted. MITCHELL stated if the CP or any other group is outlawed, then the Government can outlaw all groups. He added he is not sympathetic as a whole to the Communist Party and does not believe in any of their aims, but does believe in their personal rights and civil liberties.

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SA QUENTIN P. STINSON

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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Re routing slip of SA ROBERT E. KENT, captioned as above,  
dated 1/6/56.

On 1/9/56, [ ] and [ ] who have furnished reliable information in the past, were interviewed by SA WILLIAM F. MCLAUGHLIN and SA QUENTIN P. STINSON. Informants were asked about their knowledge of the above committee, its officers, funds, organization, etc.

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Informants had received by mail a mimeographed announcement which they made available to the interviewing agents. The announcement was in the form of an invitation to attend a reception in honor of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, Saturday, 1/7/56, at 5337 Turner Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The admission was an item of canned goods or packaged food to aid the Negro people in the South.

[ ] attended this reception and stated MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN and BLUMBERG spoke to a group of about 35 people who were present. GROSSMAN advised those present that money collected would be used for lawyers' fees and literature. Informant advised that a notebook was circulated among those present and anyone who could serve on the committee was urged to sign the book. Informant stated he did not see anyone signing the book except JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN who finally took the book and stated she would get some people to serve on the "committee."

Informant stated a collection of money was made for BLUMBERG's defense. At the meeting he received an announcement of a meeting that was to be held January 26 at 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, in honor of BLUMBERG, being sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, ELIZABETH FRAZIER, Chairman, and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary.

cc: 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)  
100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
100-23953 (JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN)

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[ ] had also received a four page item captioned "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG -- Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." This item was issued by the same committee and officers.

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Informants could furnish no other information concerning captioned committee.

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SA JACK H. PORTER

THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 1/27/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JACK H. PORTER that on the evening of 1/26/56 he attended a meeting sponsored by The Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. The oral report furnished by NEAL was written in the form of a statement. The statement, which was signed by [redacted] is being maintained as an attachment to [redacted] and is quoted as follows:

[redacted]  
Jan. 27, 1956

"On Jan. 26, 1956 I attended a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. This meeting was held at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and was scheduled to start at eight p.m., however, did not actually start until eight thirty.

1 - Newark (ERADUS MITCHELL) (RM)  
1 - Baltimore (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR.  
ALBERT E. BLUMBERG) (RM)

10- Philadelphia 1 - 100-41742  
1 - 100-8548 (DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)  
① - 100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 65-1866 (THOMAS MARRIED)  
1 - 100-16499 (DR. BARRONS DUNNAN)  
1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)  
1 - 100-34806 (MIRIAN CRAWFORD)  
1 - 100-28752 (NORMAN SMITH)  
1 - [redacted]

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"ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER called the meeting to order by saying she was the chairman of the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. She said that everyone at the meeting should have a vital interest in Dr. BLUMBERG because if he is convicted merely because he is a member of the Communist Party then everyone's liberty is endangered because the government can attack anyone who belongs to a liberal organization.

"The first speaker that Miss FRAZIER introduced was a Dr. ALBERT (LNU), a teacher at the Philadelphia School of Social Science, and a friend of Dr. BLUMBERG.

"Dr. ALBERT (LNU) spoke on the dangers involved if Dr. BLUMBERG is convicted. He stated that the First Amendment gives everyone the freedom to express his ideas and freedom to thought, and if Dr. BLUMBERG is convicted, and his conviction upheld by higher courts then the First Amendment is in great danger.

"He said that this fight was not the fight of a few but the fight of all, colored & whites alike. He said that the people in power are endangering the First Amendment, and that some of the Southern senators are not even attempting to uphold laws, citing as an example the south's refusal to allow colored people to attend school with white children.

"In conclusion he made an appeal for everyone to support Dr. BLUMBERG's fight.

"The next speaker introduced by Miss FRAZIER was THOMAS NABRIED. NABRIED cited the great peril facing the American people if Dr. BLUMBERG is convicted. He said BLUMBERG is being tried under the Membership section of the Smith Act and that the only thing BLUMBERG is guilty of is ideas. He said that the government is not trying to prove conspiracy in this case, that they don't want to take the time. He said that he was convicted of conspiracy to advocate overthrow of the government, which means that what we say & do will lead to violence in the future, and



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"here, we are getting further away from the overt act. He said that the Communist Party does not advocate the overthrow of the government that the Party merely wishes to carry out the wishes of the majority of the people, however, if it did, the constitution says an overt act must be committed which none has.

"MARRIED then said that Dr. BLUMBERG was not being tried on conspiracy but being tried merely for being a member. He said that this is doing away with the first amendment if Dr. BLUMBERG is convicted, and as soon as the First Amendment is destroyed the other amendments will be destroyed soon afterwards.

"MARRIED asked everyone present to support Dr. BLUMBERG's fight and to give the committee all the help they could.

"Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG was the next speaker. He gave a brief talk on the background leading up to his indictment. He then said he was actually guilty of thinking forbidden thoughts, and cited Supreme Court Justice MURPHY statement that 'The first amendment provides that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.' He also said that men should be prosecuted for acts, not words. BLUMBERG said that the First Amendment grants everyone the right to assemble, even the Communist Party.

"BLUMBERG said that all the Attorney General has to do is to label any organization as a subversive organization, then any member of that organization can be prosecuted. He pointed out that all labor unions could be attacked by this method.

"In conclusion he stated that he hoped his trial would enlighten the American people of the danger now threatening the First Amendment.

"The next speaker was MARY (LNU) who was the former head of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia. She said she was happy to be there so that she could defend the First Amendment. She told of some of her experiences she had while a teacher and stated that controlled thought was a threat to academic freedom. She made an appeal to all working men & professional men to defend Dr. BLUMBERG.

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"This individual made an appeal for funds and asked that a collection be taken up. While the collection was being made, she mentioned the fact that people from Maryland had sent \$83.00 in to help Dr. BLUMBERG. She also requested the people present to contact Miss FRAZIER to offer their help in defending Dr. BLUMBERG and preserving the First Amendment.

"Dr. HRODUS MITCHELL was the last speaker of the evening. His talk also centered around the First Amendment. He stated that all people have the right to free assembly, speech & thought and that no crime is committed in exercising these privileges. He also stated that no crime is committed until an overt act is committed, and that being a member of any organization is not an overt act, and just because Dr. BLUMBERG has expressed ideas which the Attorney General does not share he has been considered as dangerous to this country.

"Dr. MITCHELL stated that if the first amendment is destroyed, then the other amendments will also be destroyed. He said that everyone present should attend Dr. BLUMBERG's trial just to see to what extent the Gov. will go to to prove their case. He stated that Dr. BLUMBERG has never committed an overt act, has never advocated violence, merely is a member of the Communist Party.

"In ending his talk he asked everyone to support the committee to defend Dr. BLUMBERG.

"After the meeting refreshments were served. During this time I met WILLIAM CRAWFORD. CRAWFORD introduced to a person by the name of NORMAN SMITH, who he said was from Westinghouse. CRAWFORD also told me he planned to bring some people to [ ] this coming weekend to meet me.

"In addition to CRAWFORD & SMITH I also met MIRIAM CRAWFORD. A colored person introduced herself to me as Mrs. COURTNEY and she indicated that her sister was also present. Mrs. COURTNEY was about 45 years of age.

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"5'7" and stout built. She had black hair with very faint touch of grey around the side.

[redacted] obtained from the literature a four page leaflet, published by The Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, captioned "The Crime of Dr. Albert E. Blumberg." [redacted] also made available a printed invitation to this affair which he had previously received from WILLIAM CRAWFORD. These items are being made an exhibit in 100-41742.

On 1/30/56 [redacted] advised that the first speaker he had referred to as Dr. ALBERT (LNU) was Dr. BARROWS DUNHAM.

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The individual [redacted] referred to as MARY (LNU) is MARY GROSSMAN.

[redacted] advised on 1/30/56 that no one had contacted him during the week end of 1/28/56.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-8548)

Date: 2/8/56

FROM : SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.

SUBJECT: ALBERT BLUMBERG  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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PH 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
 1 - 100-411472 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
 1 - 100-30240 (SOPHIE AMIS)  
 1 - 100-21315 (LILLIAN BAEN)  
 1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY BLUMBERG)  
 1 - 100-34905 (GERTRUDE COHEN)  
 1 - 100-27779 (HARRY COHEN)  
 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)  
 1 - 100-34806 (MIRIAM CRAWFORD)  
 1 - 100-34061 (WM. CRAWFORD)  
 1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)  
 1 - 100-21870 (SOPHIE DAVIS)  
 1 - 100-20479 (ELSIE DICKERSON)  
 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)  
 1 - 100-16499 (BARROW DUNHAM)  
 1 - 100-15963 (HARRIET FAHEY)  
 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZ. FRAZIER)  
 1 - 100-33195 (SARA GOLDFRACH)  
 1 - ~~100-8535~~ (MARY GROSSMAN)  
 1 - 100-35071 (PRISCILLA HOLTON)  
 1 - 100-29189 (IRVING KATZ)  
 1 - 100-19456 (GOLDIE KEYSER)  
 1 - 100-33246 (HELEN KLOWSKY)  
 1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLOWSKY)  
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 1 - 100-3658 (JOSEPH KUZMA)  
 1 - 100-28842 (PAULINE LABOVITZ)  
 1 - 100-25033 (SHERMAN LABOVITZ)  
 1 - 100-15389 (JERRY MARSHALL)

1 - 65-1690 (BROADUS MITCHELL)  
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 1 - 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)  
 1 - 100-23266 (MINNIE RUBIN)  
 1 - 100-3860 (DORA RUSKIN)  
 1 - 100-23953 (MINNIE SCHNEILERMAN)  
 1 - 100-28350 (AVERY SCHWARTZ)  
 1 - 100-3581 (ABE SKOLOV)  
 1 - 100-34762 (ANNA SOLOMON)  
 1 - 100-2819 (HAROLD SPENCER)  
 1 - 100-21717 (LEON TESSIER)  
 1 - 100-34571 (SAMUEL VOLINSKY)  
 1 - 100-5822 (BEN WEISS)  
 1 - 100-6517 (HELEN WEISS)  
 1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)  
 1 - [REDACTED]

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On 1/30/56, the writer received through the mail from [REDACTED] FOIA(b) who has furnished reliable information in the past, a report of the affair held on 1/26/56, at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, in honor of ALBERT BLUMBERG. Informant's report is maintained as an attachment to [REDACTED].

Informant reported this affair was sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG. Collecting admission at the door were BARBARA ROBERTS, PRISCILLA HOLTON, and ANN SOLOMON, and these persons acted as ushers during the collection speech made by MARY GROSSMAN.

Speakers at this affair were THOMAS N. ERIED, who was introduced as one of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants by ELIZABETH FRAZIER, BARROWS DUNHAM, and DR. BRODUS MITCHELL, in addition to BLUMBERG.

Informant reported BLUMBERG stated he did not regret the road he had taken, though his wife had served a jail term, and he now faced one.

Regarding Professor MITCHELL's speech, informant reported he expressed the economic views of a humanitarian, and did not indicate by his speech that he might be a Communist.

Copies of this memo are being designated for the files of all individuals in attendance having master files. Informant named P.ULINE and SAM MOSS as in attendance at this affair, therefore, the name of SAMUEL MOSS is being indexed hereto. It is possible, however, that this individual is HENRY CLAY MOSS, husband of P.ULINA MOSS, therefore, a copy of this memo is being placed in his file.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-41742)

FROM: SA ELMER C. MULLEN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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DATE: 2/10/56

On 1/11/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA ELMER C. MULLEN with.

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1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)

1 - 100-19266 (ANNA BOETTCHER)

1 - 100-19632 (HANS BOETTCHER)

1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)

1 - 100-31716 (LOUIS GOLDFRACH)

1 - 100-33195 (SARA GOLDFRACH)

1 - 100-19456 (GOLDIE KEYSER)

1 - 100-19889 (JACOB HERTZBERG)

1 - 100-32246 (HELEN KLONSKY)

1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)

1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)

1 - 100-28170 (SOPHIE DAVIS)

1 - 100-24013 (HENRIETTA OSTROY)

1 - 100-30176 (JACOB IVINS)

1 - 100-34532 (BELLA IVINS)

1 - 100-19904 (DORIS MARSHALL)

1 - 100-15389 (JEROME MARSHALL)

1 - 100-19625 (RALPH RUBIN)

1 - 100-23266 (MINNIE RUBIN)

1 - 100-39919 (ALFRED ROME)

1 - 100-387 (JACOB SCHNEIDERMAN)

1 - 100-23953 (MINNIE SCHNEIDERMAN)

1 - 100-21712 (LEON TESSLER)

1 - 100-28330 (HARRY WILLIAMS)

1 - 65-488 (CAMP ALPINE)

1 - 100-33636 (CP DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION  
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a written report which is located in file [REDACTED] b 7 D  
Excerpts from instant report are set forth as follows:

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] attended and reported on a CP sponsored Section Press Affair, which was held on 1/7/56 at 5337 Turner Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for the purpose of raising funds for the defense of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.

[REDACTED] reported that GOLDIE KEYSER was the Chairman for this affair and Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG was the main speaker. The informant stated that approximately 40 individuals were in attendance at this meeting and those identified by the informant are listed as follows:

GOLDIE KEYSER  
ALBERT BLUMBERG  
MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
LEON TESSLER  
JEROME MARSHALL  
DORIS MARSHALL  
JACOB HERTZBERG  
RALPH RUBIN  
MINNIE RUBIN  
MINNIE SCHNEIDERMAN  
HELEN KLONSKY  
ROBERT KLONSKY  
DAVID DAVIS  
SOPHIE DAVIS  
HARRY WILLIAMS  
LOUIS GOLDFRACH  
SARA GOLDFRACH  
HENRIETTA OSTROY  
JACOB IVINS  
BELLA IVINS  
HANS BOETTCHER  
ANNA BOETTCHER  
ALFRED ROME

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[ ] reported GOLDIE KEYSER introduced Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG as the main speaker and he spoke on the events of the past year and of his forthcoming trial. According to the informant, the following is the gist of his speech: FOIA b 7 D

BLUMBERG related that at this time last year our country was at a dangerous point of going Fascist with the growing terror and pressure of McCarthyism; however, now we can say this has to some degree subsided and the attacks on the Communists are being realized by the American people as a hoax on our internal security and also that the fight for peace has become the main issue of almost every organization and union. BLUMBERG continued that last summer nine men were found guilty of violating the Smith Act and the government, with the aid of its paid informants, could not prove one overt act committed by a Communist. BLUMBERG stated the government ~~also brought~~ in hundreds of books and read one or two lines from each out of context which had the words revolution and overthrow. Then, they proceeded to prove that we (Communists) conspired to teach and advocate the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence. BLUMBERG related that this same procedure will take place at his trial which is scheduled to begin on 1/30/56, and BLUMBERG stated that he, too, will be found guilty. BLUMBERG related that it is in the upper courts that we must begin our fight back, we must change public opinion. Public opinion is already winning ~~victories~~. The Senate censure of McCARTHY, the dismissal of the LATTIMORE charges, the exposure of perjured witnesses, the reversal of loyalty oath dismissals - all show a growing demand for full restoration of the Bill of Rights. According to the informant, BLUMBERG's speech was almost a word for word quotation from his pamphlet "Thinking Forbidden Thoughts."

GOLDIE KEYSER then introduced the collection speaker, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, who stated the money collected at this meeting would be used for the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG.



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The informant advised that according to literature distributed at this meeting one item was an announcement issued by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, which reflects that ELIZABETH FRAZIER is the Chairman of this Committee and that MARY FOLEY CROSSMAN is the Secretary. and that a meeting would be held at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street on 1/26/56 featuring Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG and BROADUS MITCHELL, Professor at Rutgers University as the speakers for the evening. The other item of literature was a leaflet setting forth background information on Dr. BLUMBERG which is captioned "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." This item was issued by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG.

Both items are being retained as exhibits in 100-41742.

Additional information received by the informant while attending this affair was the fact that DORIS MARSHALL and her father, JACOB HERTZBERG will start their trip to California on 1/15/56 at 7:30 A.M. from International Airport, Philadelphia. They still stop over in Chicago, Illinois, for five days and are expected to remain away from Philadelphia for approximately one month.

JACOB (LEFTY) SCHNEIDERMAN is currently employed at the Red Lion Plant of the Budd Company.

Camp Alpine will not open up this summer, according to HANS BOETTCHER, as the Board of Directors have voted to lease the camp to a private party who is expected to make it into a children's camp under a five year lease.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-41742)

FROM : SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

DATE: 2/10/56

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 2/1/56, [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE that he attended the meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG at New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on the evening of 1/26/56. The informant advised that a \$100 admission was charged.

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Copies of this memorandum have been indicated for the files of individuals identified by the informant as having attended this affair.

[ ] estimated the attendance as about two hundred, evenly divided as to male and female. The informant added that there were a few Negroes in the audience.

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| 1 - 100-41742                          | 1 - 100-34770 (SUSAN FREEMAN)      |
| 1 - 100-8548 (DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)  | 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN) |
| 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)           | 1 - 100-29137 (HARRIET GUIGNON)    |
| 1 - 100-40246 (SUZANNE COFF)           | 1 - 100-21325 (SARAH KAPLAN)       |
| 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)           | 1 - 100-26923 (HELEN PHILLIPS)     |
| 1 - 100-16499 (BARROWS DUNHAM)         | 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS N. BRIED)      |
| 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)       | 1 - 100-38688 (BARBARA ROBERTS)    |
| 1 - 100-34755 (MORRIS De CAMP FREEMAN) | 1 - [ ]                            |

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ELIZABETH FRAZIER was the chairman of the affair.

The first speaker was BARROWS DUNHAM, who spoke about seven or eight minutes. DUNHAM criticised the Smith Act and expressed his sympathy for individuals who are oppressed under the Smith Act.

The next speaker was TOM NABRIED. NABRIED said he was a member of the CP. He stated that the CP is opposed to capitalism. NABRIED continued that the CP wants to establish socialism in the United States by a revolution. He added that this revolution would be by peaceful means.

FOIA b 7 D Dr. ALPERT BLUMBERG was the next speaker. BLUMBERG said that he was a member of the CP. He referred to his pending trial and expressed the hope that he might not go to jail. BLUMBERG referred to the appeals of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and JUNIUS SCALES from their convictions under the membership clause of the Smith Act and said that if they won their appeals there would be no more Smith Act trials. He noted that he is to be tried under the membership clause of the Smith Act while his wife was convicted and imprisoned under the conspiracy clause of the act. [redacted] advised that BLUMBERG then facetiously added that it was a good thing there was no third clause to the Smith Act as his grandchild would probably be arrested under such a clause. BLUMBERG said the CP wants to establish socialism in the United States, but claimed the CP wanted to establish socialism by peaceful means, not by violence. BLUMBERG urged the repeal of the Smith Act and the McCarran Act, and the impeachment of the United States Senator JAMES EASTLAND of Mississippi, who is opposing the desegregation decision of the United States Supreme Court.

BRODUS MITCHELL stated that he had been one of BLUMBERG's professors when BLUMBERG was in college. MITCHELL said he is opposed to persecution of individuals for their beliefs.

During the program MAPY FOLEY GROSSMAN between speeches called for financial contributions. She stated that BLUMBERG had

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to pay his attorneys large fees and needed considerable financial assistance. [ ] stated that GROSSMAN paced up and down the aisle, waved her arms wildly and shouted her pleas for money in a shrill voice. The informant advised that baskets were passed through the audience for contributions. He noted that in his row it appeared that the smallest contribution was \$5.00. Based on this, [ ] estimated the collection as about \$800. He noted that no announcement was made as to the amount collected.

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GROSSMAN urged that as many individuals as possible attend the BLUMBERG trial. She stated that a large attendance at the trial by people in support of BLUMBERG could help to impress the jury in BLUMBERG's favor. GROSSMAN also said that if individuals would attend the BLUMBERG trial they would see how justice is distorted in federal courts.

[ ] advised that BEVERLY ROBERTS, wife of JOE ROBERTS, convicted Smith Act defendant, was one of the individuals passing baskets through the audience.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-41742)

FROM: SA QUENTIN P. STINSON

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
IS - C

DATE: 2/13/56

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On 2/2/56, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA STINSON initial notes which he had made from attendance at a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert E. Blumberg. These notes are maintained as an exhibit in [REDACTED]

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| 1 - Baltimore (RM)                    | 1 - 100-15389 (JEROME MARSHALL)     |
| (100-95 - ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)         | 1 - 65-1690 (BROADUS MITCHELL)      |
| 2 - New York (RM)                     | 1 - 100-38641 (PAULINA MOSS)        |
| (100-9984 - ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)       | 1 - 100-35342 (HENRY MOSS)          |
| (100- - DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG)        | 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)        |
| 1 - Newark (RM)                       | 1 - 100-24013 (HENRIETTA OSTROY)    |
| (100-36494 - BROADUS MITCHELL)        | 1 - 100-30020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)      |
| 1 - Pittsburgh (RM)                   | 1 - 100-23953 (MINNIE SCHNEIDERMAN) |
| (100- - JAMES DOLSEN)                 | 1 - 100-21717 (LEON TESSLER)        |
| 27-Philadelphia                       | 1 - 100-5822 (BENJAMIN WEISS)       |
| 1 - 100-41742                         | 1 - 100-35905 (WILLIAM WELTON)      |
| 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)     | 1 - [REDACTED]                      |
| 1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG) |                                     |
| 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)          |                                     |
| 1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)            |                                     |
| 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)          |                                     |
| 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)      |                                     |
| 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLLY GROSSMAN)    |                                     |
| 1 - 100-34688 (PRISCILLA HOLTON)      |                                     |
| 1 - 100-29189 (IRVIN KATZ)            |                                     |
| 1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)        |                                     |
| 1 - 100-19456 (GOLDIE KEYSER)         |                                     |
| 1 - 100-3658 (JOSEPH AUZMA)           |                                     |
| 1 - 100-25033 (SHERMAN LABOVITZ)      |                                     |
| 1 - 65-1456 (WALTER LOWELFELS)        |                                     |

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Informant advised that the above committee sponsored a fund-raising meeting on the eve of Dr. BLUMBERG's trial in Federal Court, Philadelphia, Pa. The meeting was held 1/26/56 at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 14th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Informant stated that Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER was Chairman of the affair that was attended by approximately 150 people. Informant advised that the speakers were Dr. BROADUS MITCHELL, THOMAS NABRIED, and Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. NABRIED has been convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in U. S. District Court, Philadelphia, Pa., and is now free on bail pending appeal of that conviction.

Informant advised that the object of the affair was to raise funds for BLUMBERG's defense and he stated that all speakers urged those present to write the President of the United States urging that he halt the Smith Act prosecutions.

Informant advised that MARY FOLLY GROSSMAN was Secretary of the captioned organization and made a plea for donations in addition to the \$1.00 donation that was collected at the door. Informant noted that a delegation from Baltimore was present; however, he was unable to identify those who attended.

Informant stated that those he recognized in attendance were:

BLUMBERG and his wife  
BROADUS MITCHELL  
THOMAS NABRIED  
ELIZABETH FRAZIER  
MARY FOLLY GROSSMAN  
JLROME MARSHALL  
ARCHIE COLLMAN  
JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN  
LLOD TESSLER  
GOLDIE KEYSER  
SARAH LNU, whom informant could not further identify

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PAULINA and HENRY MOSS  
Mrs. FNU JACKSON, whom informant could not further  
identify

PRISCILLA HOLTON  
JAMES LOISEN  
HENRIETTA OSTROY  
JOSEPH RUZMA  
DAVID DAVIS  
IRVIN KATZ  
SHERMAN LABOVITZ  
WALTER LOWENFELS  
BENJAMIN WEISS  
ROBERT KLONSKY  
JOSEPH ROBERTS  
NOLA WHARTON

Informant stated captioned committee made literature available to those present captioned "The Crime of Dr. Albert Blumberg--Thinking Forbidden Thoughts."

Informant advised that BLUMBERG's speech was from material contained in this pamphlet and he also predicted that he would be convicted in his pending trial in Federal Court, Philadelphia, under the Smith Act of 1940.

Informant also stated that Dr. and Mrs. BLUMBERG circulated among those present and personally shook hands with many who attended the affair.

TO : SAC (100-41742)

DATE: 2-13-56

FROM : SA FREDERICK N. GREER

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 1-27-56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FREDERICK N. GREER as follows:

An affair sponsored by captioned organization was held on Thursday evening, 1-26-56, at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia. There were approximately 100 people present, which included:

1 - Newark (FRODUS MITCHELL)

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38 - Philadelphia

1 - 100-41742  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZ BETH FRAZIER)  
1 - 65-1606 (THOMAS MARIET)  
1 - 100-16499 (BARBARA DUNHAM)  
1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 100-26565 (ERIC WINSTON)  
1 - 100-27496 (LOUISE WINSTON)  
1 - 100-34247 (HARRY WEITSCHER)  
1 - 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)  
1 - 100-30143 (WILLIAM H. COLIS)  
1 - 100-41169 (ANN KENNY)  
1 - 100-34671 (KIMBLE FORRES)  
1 - 100-35877 (JULIET L. FORRES)  
1 - 100-24013 (HENRIETTE OSTROY)  
1 - 100-3531 (ANNE SOKOLOV)  
1 - 100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)  
1 - 100-38688 (FREDERICK ROBERTS)

1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)  
1 - 100-28170 (SCOTT DAVIS)  
1 - 100-5822 (JENNIFER EISS)  
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ELIZABETH FRAZIER  
TOM NABRIED  
Dr. BARROWS DUNHAM  
Dr. and Mrs. ALBERT E. FLU BERG  
Mrs. MARY F. GROSSMAN  
ERCADUS MITCHELL  
ERIC and LOUISE HINSTON  
BANK EDITHSON R  
SOB ROTENBERG  
ARM KEMIN  
MAYRAE MARGOLIS  
Reverend and Mrs. KENNETH FOREES  
HELENETRA OSTROM  
LEE SOKOLOV  
JOE and BARBARA ROBERTS  
DAVE and SUE DAVIS  
BEN and HELEN ABIS  
BOB and HELEN KLOWSKY  
AL ROE  
JIM DOLSEN  
JERRY MARSHALL  
JACK and ANNE ZUCKER  
SUZANNE COPE  
JOHN and FRISCELLA HOLTON  
ELEANOR WILLIAMS  
JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN  
HARRY WILLIAMS  
LEON TESLER

ELIZABETH FRAZIER presided as chairman of the affair and introduced the speakers. She also identified herself as chairman of captioned organization. The speakers were:

Dr. BARROWS DUNHAM  
TOM NABRIED  
Mrs. MARY F. GROSSMAN  
ERCADUS MITCHELL  
Dr. ALBERT E. FLU BERG

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Mrs. I. E. F. GROSSMAN was introduced by ELIZABETH FRAZIER as secretary of captioned organization. Mrs. GROSSMAN also identified herself as secretary of the organization to the audience. Mrs. GROSSMAN stated that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain funds for the defense of Dr. ELMER G; obtain support for the organization; and to clarify the charge being brought against Dr. ELMER G by the United States Government under the Smith Act. She stated that people who are interested in the case of Dr. ELMER G could assist in his defense by joining the organization; volunteering to do work for the committee; and/or donating funds to the organization. Mrs. GROSSMAN remarked that Dr. ELMER G's case goes to trial Monday, 1-30-56, but that this would not end the work of the committee. She stated that captioned organization will continue to function until Dr. ELMER G is exonerated of all charges brought against him.

TOI. NERIED was introduced by ELIZABETH FRAZIER as one of the Philadelphia Smith Act Defendants, and she remarked that it seemed only fitting that one of the Smith Act Defendants be present and speak on this occasion. NERIED's speech was more or less a recap of the Philadelphia Smith Act trial. He told the audience that the United States Government has never proven that the CP advocates the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. Informant stated that NERIED did not comment further on this statement.

Dr. BROADUS DUNHAM spoke but was very difficult to understand. He pointed out that he had recently won a "case" in which he had been cited for contempt by the United States Government due to the fact he had refused to testify before a Congressional Committee some few months previous to this date. Additional remarks made by DUNHAM concerned the Smith Act and the fact that it should be declared unconstitutional since it encroaches upon the rights of the individual.

BROADUS MITCHELL in his speech stated that the United States is experiencing the greatest prosperity in economy she has ever known, and in view of this, should not "worry about a handful of Communists." He said that the small number of Communists in the United States today could not harm the security of the country. He remarked that the people of the United States are being harassed by legislation such as the Smith Act. According to MITCHELL, it is this type of legislation, referring to the Smith Act, which induces him to work and fight in such cases as Dr. ELMER G's. He stated that every man should be entitled to the freedom of "thought and speech." He related that he had never found the works of

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LENIN and KHRUSHCHEV to advocate the overthrow of any government by force and violence. He stated that the Smith Act has a direct effect on all liberal organizations, and that all such organizations and their members should join forces in having the Smith Act declared unconstitutional since it is a threat to individual freedoms.

MITCHELL pointed out that the CP supports and fights for "everything" contained in President EISENHOWER's budget for the coming year. According to MITCHELL, Dr. ELU BERG as a member of the CP is being prosecuted for "wanting the same things as President EISENHOWER."

Dr. ELU BERG's speech closely followed the pamphlet entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT ELU BERG, Thinking Forbidden Thoughts," mentioned later in this memo.

During the meeting Mrs. GROSSMAN appealed to those present to make a donation beginning at \$100. No one in the audience offered to donate \$100. At this point, it was announced by Mrs. GROSSMAN that some friends of Dr. ELU BERG from Baltimore, who were present, had made a donation of \$87. Mrs. GROSSMAN then asked for a \$50 contribution which met with negative results. At this point, ELIZABETH FAZIER took the floor and stated that they would handle the collection of money in a different manner. She said a number of women would pass among those present for a donation and in this way, no one would be identified as having made a contribution or the amount contributed.

[redacted] recognized Mrs. KENNETH FAZIER as one of the women collecting the money. There was no announcement made as to the amount collected, but the informant observed the proceeds in the possession of Mrs. GROSSMAN and estimated it to be several hundred dollars.

ELIZABETH FAZIER stated that she had already received some money through the mail for the committee, and she expected more would follow from people in Washington and New York.

Coffee, cake, and sandwiches are served by ELEANOR WILLIAMS and HELEN KLONSKY at the conclusion of this meeting.

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[redacted] furnished a flyer obtained at the above affair entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT WEISSBERG, Thinking Forbidden Thoughts," issued by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. WEISSBERG. It is noted that this flyer reflects the officers of the organization as Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, and Mrs. HELEN POLLY GROESBECK, Secretary.

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This item is being retained in Philadelphia file 100-41742-1A-11.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-41472)

DATE: 2/13/56

FROM: SA OTIS L. BURTON

SUBJ: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR.  
ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/27/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE regarding a meeting of captioned committee. Information relating to this contact was prepared by SA OTIS L. BURTON in the form of a statement which informant read and initialed on 2/1/56. (Exhibit [REDACTED]) The informant's report is briefed below:

1-Baltimore (100-95)(ALBERT BLUMBERG)(REGISTERED MAIL)  
1-Newark (100- ) (BROADUS MITCHELL)(REGISTERED MAIL)

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| 1-(100-34579)(DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG)      | 1-(100-23953)(MINNIE SCHNEIDERMAN)            |
| 1-(100-41267)(ETALIA ROSE CAMP)           | 1-(100-5822)(BENJAMIN WEISS)                  |
| 1-(100-40670)(WILLIAM CAMP)               | 1-(100-6519)(HELEN WEISS)                     |
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| 1-(100-22603)(JAMES DOISEN)               | 1-(100-30295)(CP FUNDS)                       |
| 1-(100-16499)(BARRO'S DUNHAM)             | 1-(100-33142)(CP LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)      |
| 1-(100-35877)(JULIETTE C. FORBES)         |   |
| 1-(100-34671)(REV. KENNETH RIPLEY FORBES) |   |
| 1-(100-6087)(ELIZABETH FRAZIER)           |   |
| 1-(100-8535)(MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)         |   |
| 1-(100-33246)(HELEN KLONSKY)              |   |
| 1-(100-32743)(ROBERT KLONSKY)             |   |
| 1-(100-3658)(JOSEPH KUZMA)                |   |
| 1-(100-15389)(JEROME MARSHALL)            |   |
| 1-(100-65-1686)(THOMAS NABRIED)           |   |

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The Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG held a meeting at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, on the evening of 1/26/56, from 8:45 p.m. until 10:20 p.m.

The informant estimated that approximately 150-175 persons were in attendance.

ELIZABETH FRAZIER, Chairlady, introduced the following speakers:

BARROW'S DUNHAM

DUNHAM called for repeal of the Smith Act of 1940.

THOMAS NABRIED

NABRIED stated that big business is conspiring against the working class; he called for repeal of the Smith Act of 1940; he stated that Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND of Mississippi is conspiring against the U. S. Supreme Court's desegregation order, and he maintained that CP attempts to change the government are only by constitutional means.

DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG

BLUMBERG stated he has held membership in the CP; that he has fought and will continue to fight for the oppressed. BLUMBERG stated he became interested in the CP as a political philosophy in approximately 1929-30. BLUMBERG condemned "McCarthyism" and criticized Senators JAMES O. EASTLAND, Mississippi, FRANCIS E. WALTER, Pennsylvania, and called for repeal of the Smith Act of 1940, as well as the WALTER-VC CARRAN Act. BLUMBERG stated that he does not think he will be jailed, as he believes that the appeals in the other membership cases under the Smith Act of 1940 will result in the CP membership clause being declared unconstitutional. BLUMBERG continued that the CP advocates change to Socialism, by peaceful

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means. However, if constitutional means fail, then revolution may be resorted to. He prefaced this remark by saying, "I'll have to whisper this." BLUMBERG criticized the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) referring to it as the "SCAB" Board. BLUMBERG mentioned that Professor BROADUS MITCHELL was his teacher in 1924.

MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN

GROSSMAN gave the collection speech. Approximately \$200 was collected; .83 was received from "friends from Maryland."

BROADUS MITCHELL: Professor, Rutgers University, New Jersey

MITCHELL stated that while not sympathetic to many of the aims of the CP, he does wish to defend personal rights and civil liberties, and is interested in seeing that BLUMBERG is not persecuted. He said that if the CP is outlawed, all groups should be outlawed.

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On 1/17/56, [ ] orally advised that an announcement concerning the above affair was distributed at a club meeting, CP Building Trades Section, CPEPD, held 1/16/56, and that members were urged to attend and support BLUMBERG.

Dissemination of this memo is being made to the files of those individuals identified as being present at the meeting of 1/26/56, above.

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SA HARRY C. BELK

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/27/56, [redacted] panel source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SAs WILLIAM S. BETTS and HARRY C. BELK a leaflet entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG Thinking Forbidden Thoughts."

This item is being retained as an exhibit in 100-41472-1A-13.

This leaflet reflects that Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER and Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN are Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg.

1 - 100-41472

CC: 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)

1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)

1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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SA HARRY C. BELK

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On 1/30/56, [redacted], panel source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SAs WILLIAM S. BETTS and HARRY C. BELK a leaflet entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT ELUMBERG Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." This leaflet reflects ELIZABETH FRAZIER and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN to be Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Committee to Defend Albert Elumberg.

The above item is being retained as an exhibit in 100-41472-1A-12.

1 - 100-41472

CC: 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT ELUMBERG)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
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SA ROBERT E. KENT

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 12/30/55, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SE LEONARD C. PETERSON by mail to a confidential post office box the following material:

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This material was received by [redacted] through the mail on 12/23/55. It is retained as an exhibit in 100-41742-1A-7:

1. Letter from captioned committee, stating that approximately \$10,000 is needed for the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG and urging contributions to the committee. Contributions were to be made payable to ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, and the letter bears the signatures of FRAZIER as Chairman and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as Secretary.

2. A return envelope bearing the address of captioned committee at 8042 Roanoke Street.

3. A printed folder titled "The Crime of Dr. Albert E. Blumberg - Thinking Forbidden Thoughts," issued by captioned committee and identifying FRAZIER and GROSSMAN as officers. This folder sets out various criticisms of the Smith Act and of the indictment of BLUMBERG under the Membership Section of the Smith Act. It sets out various background information concerning BLUMBERG and describes him as having been State Chairman of the CP of Maryland from 1939 until 1943, and as National Legislative Representative of the CP from 1943 until his indictment in October 1954. The folder urges letters to Congressmen for repeal of the Smith Act and letters to the President for halting Smith Act arrests and prosecutions. It also solicits contributions for captioned committee.

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- 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8536 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
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SA MICHAEL B. DAVY

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
IS-C  
SMITH ACT, 1950

On 2/6/56, Confidential Source [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the writer with a copy of an undated letter, signed ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, and MARY FOLEY CROSSMAN, Secretary, bearing the letterhead "Committee To Defend Dr. Albert E. Blumberg." This letter asked for contributions to this committee. Also included was a four-page brochure entitled "The Crime of Dr. Albert Blumberg."

The above material was addressed to JOHN KADASH, NEU, 822 N. Broad Street. As has been set out before, KADASH was a former Port Agent of the National Maritime Union, and his name apparently appears on mailing lists which are still used by the Communist Party and some front organizations. There is no indication that KADASH is sympathetic to the Communist Party in any way.

The above items are being made an exhibit in 100-41742-1A-15.

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TO : SAC (100-41742)

DATE: 2/16/56

FROM : SA ELMER C. MULLEN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR.  
ALBERT EMANUEL BLUMBERG  
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cc: 1 - Newark (BROLDUS MITCHELL) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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| 1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY R. BLUMBERG)    | 1 - 100-35315 (JEROME SLOTT)                   |
| 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)           | 1 - 100-37133 (NADJA SLOTT)                    |
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| 1 - 100-34755 (MORRIS DeCAMP FREEMAN)  | 1 - 100-34519 (ANN ZUCKER)                     |
| 1 - 100-34770 (SUSAN FREEMAN)          | 1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)                    |
| 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)    | 1 - 100-33636 (DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) |
| 1 - 100-8535 (MARY F. GROSSMAN)        | 1 - [REDACTED] (FOIA(b)(7) - D)                |
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| 1 - 100-29189 (IRVIN KATZ)             | ECM:Phd (58)                                   |
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| 1 - 100-15389 (JEROME M. MSHALL)       |  |
| 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS M. BRIED)          |  |
| 1 - 100-24013 (HENRIETTA OSTROY)       |  |
| 1 - 100-19476 (DAVID PERLOFF)          |  |
| 1 - 100-23069 (FRANK PORTMAN)          |  |
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On 1/30/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished A. ELMER C. MULLEN with a written report, which is located in [REDACTED]. Excerpts from this report are set forth as follows:

On 1/26/56 at 8:30 p.m., [REDACTED] attended and reported on a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT EMANUEL BLUMBERG which was held at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

According to the informant, ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER was Chairman of this affair; MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary of the above committee, was the collection speaker; and THOMAS NABHIED, BARNOWS DUNHAM, and Dr. BROADUS MITCHELL were the featured speakers of the evening.

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[REDACTED] advised that approximately 100 to 115 persons attended this affair, and copies of this memo have been designated to the master files of all individuals identified by the informant as in attendance at this meeting.

[REDACTED] further advised that ANN ZUCKER and PAISCILLA HOLTON functioned as ticket collectors at the affair and ARCHIE COLEMAN was observed selling copies of Jewish Life at this meeting.

The informant advised that ELIZABETH FRAZIER, Chairman, introduced the first speaker, Dr. BARNOWS DUNHAM. According to the informant, DUNHAM speaks with a smile on his face and gives the appearance of not being too rational. All that could be gotten from his speech was the fact that there are good people and there are bad people in this world. DUNHAM spoke for ten minutes.

The chairman then introduced the second speaker, THOMAS NABHIED, as a fighter for Negro rights. NABHIED said that his arrest was not because he is a Communist but because he spoke out for the rights of the Negroes. NABHIED spoke for ten minutes.

The chairman then introduced Dr. BLUMBERG and stated that he was the reason for this meeting. BLUMBERG spoke about the

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Smith Act and said that many arrests have taken place in the past five years on leaders of the CP charging them with conspiracy to overthrow the Government of the United States by force and violence and now we are being subjected to arrest for belonging to a Party. The latter is what "we" are concerned with tonight, according to BLUMBERG. Two cases, BLUMBERG stated, have been tried and convictions have been brought in because JUNIUS SCALES and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT belong to the CP and yet the CP has not been declared illegal. BLUMBERG then expounded on the Constitution, that we have a right to change our government if we deem necessary. BLUMBERG then said we can beat this case and other cases only if we bring the truth to the American people. BLUMBERG spoke approximately 35 minutes.

The informant advised that the chairman then introduced MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as the Chairman of the Committee to Defend Dr. BLUMBERG. GROSSMAN made a pitch for volunteers to serve on the committee or help out in any way possible, including financially. GROSSMAN then asked for donations and took up a collection.

The last speaker introduced by the Chairman was Dr. BROLDUS MITCHELL. MITCHELL gave a history lesson on famous Americans who were prosecuted for their political beliefs. He said Dr. BLUMBERG was one of his students at college and a very good one, but he did not expect him to become so famous. MITCHELL's speech lasted 35 minutes.

Refreshments were then served consisting of coffee, tea, and cakes at approximately 10:30 p.m.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-41472)

DATE: 2/16/56

FROM: SA HARRY C. BELK

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/27/56, [REDACTED] Panel Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SAs WILLIAM S. BETTS and HARRY C. BELK oral information regarding a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg, which was held on 1/26/56 at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This oral information was reduced to a three-page handwritten report by SA HARRY C. BELK and signed by [REDACTED]. This report is located as an attachment to serial [REDACTED] and is as follows:

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"On 1/26/56, meeting for aid for ALBERT BLUMBERG began at 6:30 p.m. at New Century Club, 124 S. 12th St. Philadelphia, Pa. A leaflet entitled 'The Crime of Dr. Albert Blumberg' was passed out to all who attended. This leaflet was passed out as you came in door. There were

1 - 100-41472

CC: 1 - NEWARK (100- BROADUS MITCHELL) (REG. MAIL)  
1 - BALTIMORE (100- MRS. ALBERT BLUMBERG) (REG. MAIL)

## PH FILES:

1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-16499 (BARROWS DUNHAM)  
1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
1 - 100-DEAD (ARTHUR GOLDMAN)  
1 - 100-8555 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)  
1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)  
1 - 100-DEAD (EDWARD MAXMAN)  
1 - 100-30933-Sub I (COMPROS)  
1 - [REDACTED]

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"between 80 and 100 people present.

"ELIZABETH FRAZIER, Chairman, Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg, opened the meeting by introducing BARROWS DUNHAM as a philosopher and a person who knows what to say at right time and also the proper time to keep quiet.

"DUNHAM spoke approximately 20 minutes during which time he mentioned that 'they' helped him when he was in trouble and he is returning the favor. DUNHAM was a very poor speaker and displayed an obnoxious personality.

"ELIZABETH FRAZIER then introduced THOMAS NABRIED as the next speaker. NABRIED said he was not a philosopher or learned man. He said 'we' are caught in a web of big business who need war to use up their production and make money. The little fellow doesn't have a chance because when he tries to speak up he is shouted down or ignored. He said BLUMBERG is starting to go through what he has already gone through.

"ELIZABETH FRAZIER then introduced Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG who is an excellent speaker. BLUMBERG said he is coming to trial because he is a member of the Communist Party and the fact that the Smith Act makes it a crime to conspire to teach and advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence. He said the Communist Party does not teach the violent overthrow of the government. He said the only time the Communist Party advocates other means than due process of law is when there is no government. He pointed out that we have a government in the U.S. therefore change is advocated by the CP only through due process of law.

"Mrs. FRAZIER then introduced MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as Secretary of Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg. Mrs. GROSSMAN is a very impassionate speaker. She is the mother of ROY GROSSMAN and mother-in-law of ELAINE GROSSMAN. She asked for help: (1) if anyone would like to join the committee she certainly need help; (2) if didn't want to join Committee then contribute some time from 1 hr. to a month to help committee; (3) If you can have meetings in your home we'd be happy to provide a speaker; (4) Made plea for financial



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"support. At this point contributions were collected. It appeared that about 75% of those present contributed at least \$1.00 each.

"Mrs. FRAZIER said she has had meetings in her house and then introduced BRODUS MITCHELL.

"MITCHELL appears to be a free thinker because he made several snide remarks about KARL MARX. The people on speaker's platform did not appear to enjoy these particular remarks.

"The theme of MITCHELL's talk was that you cannot regulate what goes through a person's mind. He also said whether we like it or not there are certain socialist ideas being put forth by EISENHOWER even though he does not call it as such. For instance, Health Insurance, Farm Program are examples of socialist trends in the U.S.

"Everyone was invited to have tea and cakes in back of New Century Club.

"The following people were in attendance at this meeting: Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, ELIZABETH FRAZIER, MARY GROSSMAN, THOMAS NABRIED, BRODUS MITCHELL, BARROWS DUNHAM, NICK GOLDMAN, ROBERT KLONSKY, ED MAXMAN, DAVE DAVIS, (FNU) BENSON, MRS. ALBERT BLUMBERG."

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-41472)

DATE: 2/16/56

FROM: SA HARRY C. BELK

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/30/56, [REDACTED], Panel Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally reported to SAs HARRY C. BELK and WILLIAM S. BETTS on a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg held 1/26/56 at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The oral information was reduced to a three-page handwritten report by SA HARRY C. BELK and signed by [REDACTED]. The report is located as an attachment to serial [REDACTED] and is as follows:

1/30/56  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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On Thursday, 1/26/56, the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert Blumberg, sponsored an affair at the New Century Club, 124 S. 12th St. Philadelphia, Pa. There were approximately 90 people present among whom were the following:

1 - 100-41472

CC: 1 - NEWARK (100- BROADUS MITCHELL) (REG. MAIL)

## PH FILES:

- 1 - 100-6548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)
- 1 - 100-16499 (BARBARA DUNHAM)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
- 1 - 100-DEAD (ARTHUR GOLDMAN)
- 1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)
- 1 - 100-25033 (SHERMAN L. BOVITZ)
- 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
- 1 - 100-DEAD (EDWARD WEISS)
- 1 - 100-5822 (BENJAMIN WEISS)
- 1 - 100-6519 (HELEN WEISS)
- 1 - 100-28331 (HARRY WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 100-30936-SUB I (COMPROS)
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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"ARCHIE COLEMAN, SHERMAN LABOVITZ, BEN WEISS, HARRY WILLIAMS, ROBERT KLONSKY, HELEN WEISS, THOMAS NABRIED, BARROWS DUNHAM, ELIZABETH FRAZIER, MARY GROSSMAN, BRODUS MITCHELL, ED WAXMAN, NICK GOLDMAN and ALBERT BLUMBERG.

"The Co-Chairwomen were ELIZABETH FRAZIER and MARY GROSSMAN.

"DUNHAM was the first speaker - he quoted from Socrates and Plato to prove that BLUMBERG was a good man therefore no harm could come to him despite condemnation by society.

"THOMAS NABRIED was the next speaker. He drew an analogy between what his group went through and BLUMBERG's trial which is scheduled for 1/30/56. NABRIED's group means those that were tried under the Smith Act in Philadelphia. NABRIED asked for people to come to BLUMBERG's trial.

"Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG was introduced by ELIZABETH FRAZIER. She said he was an educated, fine man who was doing what he thought was right.

"BLUMBERG tried to trace the chain of events in his life which led him to where he is today. He concluded it was no one thing or any one man's influence but his contacts with ideas and the men and women of America and most of all his deep confidence in the working classes. He said he was not the least bit sorry it had come to this. His manner of speaking was calm and resigned, almost lazy. The Smith Act defendants are not charged with overthrowing the government but with thinking dissent. We will be jailed for thought crime. He quoted from Lincoln 'when in the course of human events,' etc. to find reason for disagreeing with the government - a government which has put men in charge of guarding our liberties who themselves violate our laws and court decisions.

"Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN quoted from JOHN DRUM's 'Humanity' no man is an island. She also made a pitch for money to cover BLUMBERG's legal expenses and collected about \$250.00.

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"BROADUS MITCHELL, Rutgers Economic Professor was the last speaker. He drew historical comparisons in which men were punished for dissenting with authorities. He tried to prove BLUMBERG is not being punished for conspiracy but really because his ideas are a threat to vested authority. He said many prominent citizens, including ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, have written EISENHOWER to pardon or review Smith Act cases. His main contention is that college authorities don't pardon people cleared by the courts and that administrative deans, not teachers, decide the fate of accused teachers and that these deans consider a man guilty even after he is legally cleared.

"MITCHELL stated the real value of Marxism was its humanitarian approach at a time when men had less respect than machines. He chided those who quibble and quote odd and various phrases from Marx to suit their present day political purposes. The implication was a reprimand to Moscow, static Communist parties on thought."

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-41472)

DATE: 2/16/56

FROM: SA HARRY C. BELK

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/31/56, [redacted] Panel Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and [redacted] orally reported on a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg which was held on 1/26/56 at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This information was reduced to a two-page handwritten report by SA HARRY C. BELK and signed by [redacted]

This report is located as an attachment to serial [redacted] and is as follows:

1/30/56  
Philadelphia, Pa.

"On 1/26/56, the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg sponsored an affair at the New Century Club, 124 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa. There were approximately 200 people

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CC: 1 - NEWARK (REG. MAIL)  
(100- BROADUS MITCHELL)  
1 - BALTIMORE (REG. MAIL)  
(100- MRS. ALBERT BLUMBERG)

## PH FILES:

1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-435 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)  
1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)  
1 - 100-16499 (BARROWS DUNHAM)  
1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
1 - 100-34671 (REVEREND KENNETH RIPLEY FORBES)  
1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)  
1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)  
1 - 100-21717 (LEON TESSLER)  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-30938-SUB I (COMPROS)  
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"present among whom following identified:

"ELIZABETH FRAZIER, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, BARROWS DUNHAM, THOMAS NABRIED, DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG, BROADUS MITCHELL, ROBERT KLONSKY, WILLIAM CRAWFORD, JAMES DOLSEN, MRS. ALBERT BLUMBERG, REV. KENNETH RIPLEY FORBES, ARCHIE COLEMAN, LEON TESSLER.

"Mrs. FRAZIER acted as chairman. She introduced BARROWS DUNHAM as the first speaker. He quoted from Socrates in an effort to justify BLUMBERG's position.

"The next speaker was THOMAS NABRIED. He said he was concerned with civil rights for negro people. He admitted that some improvement has been made within the past five years but not enough. He also spoke of his trial under the Smith Act and said BLUMBERG was now forced to go through the same thing.

"Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG was then introduced by ELIZABETH FRAZIER. BLUMBERG said he was arrested and being tried for belonging to the Communist Party, which has never been outlawed. He went on to say that Communists are not violent. He said Communists do not contemplate overthrow by force or violence. Their aim is to bring about a change of government to socialism in a democratic way.

"MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN then made an appeal for money and volunteers to sign up to use their homes for meeting places. She also said they would provide speakers for affairs of this kind. She announced that \$83 was being contributed by Maryland for Dr. BLUMBERG's defense. The collection consisted of \$1.00 bills primarily with the exception of one \$10.00 contribution. She also recommended that those present read the book on Rosenberg judgement.

"BROADUS MITCHELL, Rutgers Professor, was the final speaker. He said Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, A. J. MUSTE and others have appealed to the President of the U.S. to grant amnesty to those imprisoned under the Smith Act. He said he did not condone Communism but was here to defend BLUMBERG's right to join and belong to the Communist Party."

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TO : SAC (100-41742)

DATE: 2-20-56

FROM : SA VENTIN P. STINSON

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 1-9-56, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, gave SA VENTIN P. STINSON his initialed notes, which are maintained as an exhibit in [redacted] concerning his attendance at a reception on 1-7-56, for Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, 5335 Turner Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The affair was sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, and the above address was the home of GOLDIE KEYSER.

1 - 100-41742  
1 - 100-6548 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)  
1 - 100-16499 (BARBARA DUNHAM)  
1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)  
① - 100-8535 (MARY MOLEY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 100-31716 (LOUIS GOLDFRACH)  
1 - 100-30176 (JACOB IVENS)  
1 - 100-34532 (HELLA IVENS)  
1 - 100-19456 (GOLDIE KEYSER)  
1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)  
1 - 65-1690 (BROADUS PITCHELL)  
1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS MARRIED)  
1 - 100-15389 (JEROME MARSHALL)  
1 - 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)  
1 - 100-39919 (AL ROME)  
1 - 100-39108 (THOMAS RAY)  
1 - 100-31563 (JOSEPH WOLGINS)  
1 - 100-27129 (TILMIE SKLER)  
1 - 100-32640 (RUTH SIMON)  
1 - 100-23953 (MINNIE SCHWIDERMAN)  
1 - 100-21717 (IRVING TESSLER)  
1 - 100-28331 (HARRY WILLIAMS)

1 - 100-6519 (HELEN REISS)  
1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)  
1 - 100-33143 (CP NEGRO MATTERS)  
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According to the informant, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN spoke to a group of about 35 people who came to the reception by special invitation. The above committee was headed by ELIZABETH FRAZIER and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, as secretary.

Informant stated GOLDIE KEYSER acted as hostess and received items of canned goods, which were the only admission that was supposed to go the starving Negroes in South Carolina. Informant stated GOLDIE KEYSER took the canned food items and put them in a back room, and nothing further was said about them.

The collection of money was taken up for FLUENBERG's defense; however, the informant did not learn the amount collected.

Informant stated FLUENBERG was the main guest and he spoke regarding his pending trial. Informant advised that FLUENBERG felt he would be convicted.

According to the informant, the following people attended the affair:

JACOB IVENS  
BELL IVENS  
JOSEPH COLLINS  
ROBERT KLONSKY  
JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN  
RUTH SILON  
LOU GOLDFRACH  
HARRY WILLIAMS  
JERRY M. SHAWL  
THOMAS RAY  
HELEN WEISS  
LEON TESSLER  
ALPERT FLUENBERG  
MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
GOLDIE KEYSER



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Informant orally advised that a notebook was circulated among those present and anyone who could serve on the above committee was urged to sign the book. Informant stated he did not see anyone sign the book except JESSIE SCHNEIDT who finally took the book and stated she would get some people to serve on the committee.

Informant stated he also overheard TILLIE SALER caution THOMAS RAY not to mention to anyone that he attended the affair or he would lose his job. Informant advised that SALER was a neighbor of RAY's and also that SALER worked for a carpet manufacturer in North Philadelphia.

Informant stated he received a mimeographed invitation to attend a meeting at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on 1-26-56, at 8:30 p.m., which was also sponsored by the captioned committee. Informant advised that this invitation listed ELIZABETH FRIZIER as chairman and RY FOLEY GROSSMAN as secretary of that organization.

Informant advised that BRODUS MITCHELL, a professor at Rutgers University, is scheduled to speak at this affair. The announcement stated that more and more people, since the Philadelphia Smith Act trial, were finding it necessary to speak out in opposition of these prosecutions, which were a threat to the democratic freedoms of thought and association for all, as exemplified by the acceptance of Professor BRODUS MITCHELL to appear at this event. This item is not being retained.

On 2-7-56, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] QUENTIN P. STINSON his initialed notes, which are maintained as an exhibit in [redacted] concerning his attendance at the above mentioned affair on 1-26-56. Informant stated that the meeting opened about 8:30 p.m., and broke up about 11:00 p.m. He stated that speeches concerning the pending trial of BLUMBERG were made by ELIZABETH FRIZIER, chairman, RY FOLEY GROSSMAN, secretary, THOMAS RAY, who represented the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants, BRODUS MITCHELL, and ALBERT BLUMBERG.

Informant advised that the primary purpose of the meeting was to raise funds for BLUMBERG's defense during his pending trial, which was scheduled to begin in Federal Court in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Informant recognized the following people in attendance at this affair in addition to those mentioned above:

Dr. BARCLAY DUNHAM  
JACK ZUCKER  
SOL ROTENTLIG  
WILLIAM CR. FORD  
AL ROSE  
HARRY WILLIAMS  
BELLA IVENS  
JO SIE SCHNEIDERMAN  
Mrs. BLUEBERG  
ROBERT KLONGNY  
JIM BOLSEN  
GOLDIE  
Many teenagers whom the informant  
was unable to identify

No copies of this memo are being designated for other offices since information concerning BLUEBERG's and MITCHELL's appearance at these affairs has been previously disseminated, and [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional information regarding these individuals.

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SA ROBERT E. KENT

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On 2/6/56 an anonymous source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished this office with photographic copies of material contained in the offices of the Pennsylvania Civil Rights Congress, 312 Hardt Building, 1649 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A complete set of these photographs is retained as an exhibit in 100-31535-1B-122. Any questions concerning this material should be resolved by referring to the original exhibit.

Included in the above material were photographs of two typewritten pages of paper bearing longhand corrections in pencil. This material concerned the announcement of the formation of a Committee to Defend DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG by MRS. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN. It described BLUMBERG and his trial in Philadelphia under the membership section of the Smith Act. Also set out was descriptive information concerning ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER the chairman of the committee, and MARY FOLEY FROSSMAN the secretary. FRAZIER was described as treasurer of the Episcopal League for Social Action. GROSS was described as former regional vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers.

It is noted that [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON on 11/22/55 a press release containing substantially the above information which is located in 100-41742-1A-122. In the press release furnished by [redacted] the announcement of the formation of the BLUMBERG Committee is attributed to ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER and no mention is made of MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN.

- 1 - 100-31535
- 1 - 100-41742 (Committee to Defend DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-36576 (Episcopal League for Social Action)
- 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8535\* (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-41742)

DATE: 2/22/56

FROM : CHARLES J. WYLAND

SUBJECT : COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG;  
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On 1/31/56 Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information to SA CHARLES J. WYLAND concerning the meeting of captioned organization, which was held on 1/26/56. This information was incorporated into the form of a report, which the informant signed on 2/8/56. This report is maintained in [redacted] and reflects the following:

"February 8, 1956

"On January 26, 1956 the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert Blumberg held a meeting at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Admission was \$1.00 and approximately 175 people attended this affair. The following were in attendance:

- 1 - Newark (RM) (BRODUS MITCHELL)
- 16 - Philadelphia
  - 1 - 100-41742 (Committee to Defend ALBERT BLUMBERG)
  - 1 - 100-8548 (Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG)
  - 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIBALD COLEMAN)
  - 1 - 100-2427 (DAVIS DAVIS)
  - 1 - 100-16499 (BARBARA S DUNN)
  - 1 - 100-15963 (HARVEST FINEY)
  - 1 - 100-6037 (JAMES R. FRIEDER)
  - ① - 100-8535 (MAY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
  - 1 - 100-21275 (BRUCE KUPNICK)
  - 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS LABAED)
  - 1 - 100-1489 (BERNARD PINSKY)
  - 1 - 100-23953 (JESSIE SCHNEIDMAN)
  - 1 - 100-3581 (BRUCE SOKOLOV)
  - 1 - 100-21717 (LAW TESSLER)
  - 1 - 100-38876 ("Jewish Life")
  - 1 - [redacted]

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| "Herman Pinsk       | Dave Davis        |
| Harriet Fahey       | Abe Krupnick      |
| Jessie Schneiderman | Leon Tessler      |
| Abe Sokolov         | Dr. Blumberg      |
| Barrows Dunham      | Tom Naoried       |
| Lrs. Mary Grossman  | Elizabeth Frazier |
| Archib Coleman      |                   |

"Elizabeth Frazier was the mistress of ceremonies and introduced the speakers which consisted of Dr. Albert Blumberg, Professor Broadus Mitchell from Rutgers University, Barrows Dunham, Tom Naoried and Mary Grossman.

"Mary Grossman gave the collection speech and appealed for donations for the committee.

"Dr. Broadus Mitchell was interested in personal liberties and civil rights and was interested to see if Blumberg would be prosecuted and deprived of these rights.

"Archib Coleman was selling copies of "Jewish Life." Jessie Schneiderman contacted Abe Krupnick concerning the fund drive. Krupnick was overheard telling Jessie he was contributing through another source and Jessie asked him if his wife, Elsie, would object to her visiting him at his residence. Krupnick stated his wife did not object but he would rather meet her elsewhere.

"Harriet Fahey appeared to be very friendly with Krupnick and asked about his wife by name. Krupnick stated that he and his wife were old friends of Fahey and have several mutual friends."

On 2/8/56 informant advised that he was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the above affair. On 1/31/56 the informant advised he purchased the 12/55 and 1/56 issues of "Jewish Life" from ARCHIB COLEMAN. These items are retained in 100-38876-1B-4 (17).

Also at the above affair, informant obtained a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG." This item is being retained in 100-3548-1B-1 (29).

SAC, (100-41742)

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SA ROBERT E. KENT

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Officers of the Committee to Defend Doctor ALBERT E. BLUMBERG,  
8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa., have been identified as Miss,  
ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, and Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary.

It is requested that trash covers be placed on the residences of  
ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, 8024 Roanoke Street, and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, 2302  
Delancey Place (2nd floor). |||

- E.C. Giffen*  
1 - 100-41742  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)  
① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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TO : SAC (100-41742)

DATE: 2/24/56

FROM : SA JOHN T. BLAIR

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 2/1/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised the writer concerning a reception held for Dr.

cc: 2 - Newark (1- 100-36494 DR. BROADUS MITCHELL)  
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TH cc: 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)  
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100-22838 (MEYER CHAUFFETZ) 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)  
100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN) 100-40203 (DORIS OUTLAW)  
100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD) 100-23069 (FRANK PORTMAN)  
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100-35375 (HIRA DAVIS) 100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)  
100-4006 (SARA DENMAN) 100-39919 (AL ROME)  
100-20479 (ELSIE DICKERSON) 100-3860 (DORA RUSKIN)  
100-22729 (ALICE DUNHAM) 100-28350 (AVERY SCHWARTZ)  
100-16499 (BARROWS DUNHAM) 100-37133 (NADJA SLOTT)  
100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZLER) 100-34427 (AMY STARR MORRIS)  
100-26730 (CLAIRE GOLDSTEIN) 100-21717 (LEON TESSLER)  
100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN) 100-30243 (ELEANOR WILLIAMS)  
101-301 (OLGIE HOLMES) 100-28331 (HARRY WILLIAMS)  
100-35071 (PRISCILLA HOLTON) 100-34519 (ANN ZUCKER)  
100-24710 (JENNIE JACKSON) 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)  
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100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY) 100-33143 (CP NEGRO QUESTION)  
100-3658 (JOSEPH KUZMA) 100-30295 (CP FUNDS)  
65-1690 (DR. BROADUS MITCHELL) 100-33636 (CP DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)

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ALBERT E. BLUMBERG on 1/26/56, at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street. The informant's comments regarding this affair were prepared in the form of a written statement, initialed by the informant, and filed as serial

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"Philadelphia, Pa.

"On Thursday evening, 1/26/56, I attended the reception held for Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG at the New Century Auditorium, 124 S. 12th St., Phila. This affair was held by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG on the eve of Dr. BLUMBERG's trial in the U. S. District Court in Phila. on charges of violating the Smith Act of 1940.

"Prior to this affair, which commenced at 8:00 p.m., a private dinner was held at the Russian Inn, 1533 Locust St., Phila., which was attended by the following individuals:

ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER  
DR. and Mrs. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
Mr. and Mrs. BARROWS DUNHAM  
Dr. BROADUS MITCHELL  
TOM NABRIED  
ELEANOR WILLIAMS

"This dinner was purely social in nature and ended in time for those present to walk over to the New Century Club before the reception for Dr. BLUMBERG commenced.

"TOM NABRIED excused himself from the dinner early and subsequently returned with MYRTLE BURNETT and JENNIE JACKSON who were going to attend the reception.

"In addition to the above 11 individuals, I subsequently observed the following individuals in attendance at the reception for Dr. BLUMBERG:

"PRISCILLA HOLTON and ANN ZUCKER -(who were taking tickets at the door and collecting money)



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SARA DENMAN  
ELSIE DICKERSON  
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HELEN KLONSKY  
ROBERT KLONSKY  
JOE KUZMA  
MARY MORFELL

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JOE ROBERTS  
AL ROME  
DORA RUSKIN  
AVERY SCHWARTZ  
NADJA SLOTT  
AMY STARR  
LEON TESSLER  
HARRY WILLIAMS

JACK ZUCKER

"ELIZABETH FRAZIER acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies for this affair which commenced at approximately 8:30 p.m.

"Speakers:

Dr. BARROWS DUNHAM, a former professor at Temple University, gave a short talk in which he criticized the Smith Act, the McCarran Act, and other similar legislation as being 'oppressive legislation.' He expressed his deep sympathy for Dr. BLUMBERG and others who have been charged by the govt. of violating the Smith Act.

"THOMAS NABRIED, a convicted Smith Act defendant and a Communist Party official in Philadelphia, spoke about his conviction under the Smith Act in 1954. He said that he was a victim of big business and the capitalists who are fighting to hold down the working class. He said his only guilt was in fighting for the rights of the common laboring people, white and negro alike. NABRIED called for repeal of the Smith Act and stated the Communist Party was for the people and had never advocated the use of force to overthrow the U. S. govt. NABRIED compared his trial under the Smith Act to the forthcoming trial of Dr. BLUMBERG and said that both he and Dr. BLUMBERG were victims of a conspiracy and a fraud against the people.

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"Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG:

"Dr. BLUMBERG recited some of the events and experiences in his past and mentioned that he had once been a student of Dr. BRODUS MITCHELL. BLUMBERG attached the ideas and actions of Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi and said that the presence of men like Senator EASTLAND in Congress is proof that 'McCarthyism' is not dead. He added, however, that he doesn't expect to go to jail as a result of being tried with violating the membership provision of the Smith Act. He said that the expected decision of the Supreme Court on the appeals filed on behalf of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and JUNIUS SCALES, who were convicted under the membership provision of the Smith Act, would end the Smith Act trials. BLUMBERG said that he was guilty only of holding membership in the Communist Party and of fighting for oppressed people.

" MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN:

" MARY GROSSMAN, the Secretary of the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, spoke briefly about BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and listed the organizations for which FRANKLIN fought during the Revolutionary Era. She also recited a poem entitled, 'For Whom the Bells Toll.' GROSSMAN also spoke about the sponsoring Committee and invited all those present who wanted to help the cause of justice to become members of the Committee.

" Dr. BRODUS MITCHELL

" Dr. MITCHELL, a professor at Rutgers University, mentioned that Dr. BLUMBERG had once been a student of his. He criticized the Smith Act and similar legislation. He said that he is not sympathetic as a whole to the Communist Party's beliefs and program. He added, however, that he does believe in the right of the Communist Party to exist and carry on its program of activity.

"ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER:

"FRAZIER, Chairman of the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, gave the collection speech. She mentioned that

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friends of Dr. BLUMBERG in Baltimore, Md., had contributed \$70.

"The speeches ended around 10:30 p.m. and refreshments were then served.

"The above is an accurate written account of information I furnished orally on 2/1/56."

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MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, was  
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MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, nee Foley  
wa: Mrs. Roy G. Grossman  
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GROSSMAN is currently serving as Secretary of the Committee to Defend Albert E. Blumberg.

In view of the above, it is recommended that subject be included in the Security Index of this office.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN continues to reside 2302 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, and is employed as a housewife. An admitted former member of the Professional Section, CPEPD, advised that GROSSMAN attended meetings of that Section during the period from 1943 to approximately 1945 or 1946. Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in 12/55 and 1/56, subject was active in the affairs of, and served as Secretary of, the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.

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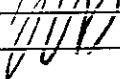
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**DETAILS:**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence and Employment**

On February 23, 1956, Confidential Informant T-1, whose reliability has not been established but who is in a position to furnish reliable information regarding the subject's residence and employment, advised that MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN is employed as a housewife and continues to reside at 2302 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, Pa.

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B. Credit and Criminal Check

On February 24, 1956, Mr. EDWARD MC GOLDERICK, Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., advised Special Employee LEONARD C. PETERSON that the files of his office contain no record of the subject.

On February 24, 1956, Special Employee LEONARD C. PETERSON checked the files of the Philadelphia Police Department and they contain no criminal record for the subject.

II. MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY,  
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE (CPEPD)

On June 29, 1954, Confidential Informant T-2, an admitted former member of the Professional Section, CPEPD, advised that he had attended meetings of the Professional Section, CPEPD, from 1943 to approximately 1945 or 1946. The informant further advised that MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN attended some of the meetings of this group of the CPEPD during this period.

III. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMITTEE  
TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG

The November 20, 1955 issue of "The Pennsylvania Edition - The Worker" carried an article on page 16, column one, captioned, "Organize Committee in Philadelphia to Defend National Legislative Director of the Communist Party." This article concerned the announcement of the formation of a "Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG" with the purpose of familiarizing the public with the grave constitutional questions raised by the Membership Section of the Smith Act and of raising funds for BLUMBERG's trial expenses. The article further reflected that BLUMBERG, identified as the National Legislative Director of the CPUSA, was arrested in Philadelphia in October 1954, under the Membership Section of the Smith Act.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On January 11, 1956, Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of January 11, 1956, the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG maintained its mailing address at the residence of its chairman. The informant added that the committee had no membership or funds and funds for the committee were to be raised through contributions resulting from mailing of literature, affairs sponsored by the committee, and personal solicitation. The informant further stated that it was his opinion that this committee was initiated and controlled by the CPEPD. In this connection, the informant based this opinion on the fact that funds were collected for the committee at Communist Party (CP) meetings attended by him and from fund discussions had by him with leaders of the CPEPD concerning the committee.

On December 12, 1955, Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that GROSSMAN was then active in the affairs of the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.

On December 29, 1955, Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a letter written on the letterhead stationery of the "Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG" which solicited funds for the legal defense of Dr. BLUMBERG. This letter was signed by MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, who was identified as secretary of the committee.

The Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker," dated January 1, 1956, contained an article on page 15, column three, under the caption "BLUMBERG Committee Asks \$10,000.00 Defense Fund." This article reflected that "an appeal for the raising of \$10,000.00 for the defense of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, National Legislative Representative of the American Communist Party, who will go on trial here under the membership provisions of the Smith Act, January 30, has been issued by the Philadelphia Committee with MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as its secretary."

On January 9, 1956, Confidential Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had attended a reception in honor of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG held on Saturday, January 7, 1956, at 5337 Turner Street, Philadelphia, Pa. According to the informant, the subject and Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG were the featured speakers at this affair. The informant further advised that GROSSMAN appealed for funds.



from those in attendance, stating such funds would be used to defray legal expenses incident to BLUMBERG's trial and to publish literature in connection with his trial.

On January 27, 1956, Confidential Informant T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting sponsored by the "Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG" was held at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, on January 26, 1956. According to the informant, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN was in attendance at this affair and made a brief talk soliciting contributions from those in attendance for the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG.

On January 27, 1956, Confidential Informant T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the subject's attendance at this particular affair. This informant, who identified GROSSMAN as being the former head of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia, added that in her remarks the subject stated that she was happy to be in attendance at this affair since she was thereby able to defend the First Amendment. The informant added that GROSSMAN related some of her alleged experiences while she had been a teacher with the Philadelphia Board of Education and declared that controlled thought represented a threat to academic freedom. According to the informant, GROSSMAN appealed to the audience for funds for BLUMBERG's defense and requested those in attendance to offer their services to the committee so that they could "actively participate in defending BLUMBERG and preserving the First Amendment."

#### IV. ASSOCIATION WITH THE TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA (TUP)

WILBUR LEE MAHANEY, JR., 704 Trappe Street, Collegeville, Pa., a self-admitted member of the CP and the TUP from 1935 through 1946, advised on July 28, 1954, that he could not definitely state that the TUP was controlled and/or dominated by the CP due to the fact that he was not aware of the identity of many CP members. However, MAHANEY did state that a number of officials of the TUP during the period 1935 to 1946, were, in his opinion, members of the CP and thus apt to guide the TUP in ways beneficial to the CP. In explaining his reasons for believing certain officials and leading members of the TUP to have been members of

the CP, MAHANEY stated that these TUP officials and leading members closely associated with individuals with whom MAHANEY had attended closed CP meetings. He added that the expressed opinions and conduct of these TUP officials and members seemed to MAHANEY to be in agreement with active CP members as known to MAHANEY.

On October 12, 1954, Confidential Informant T-9, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning ELEANOR FLEET, advised that FLEET had, on October 12, 1954, stated that she was aware that the TUP was Communist dominated but that she felt such CP domination was secondary in importance since the TUP was achieving great good for the members of the teaching profession.

With reference to ELEANOR FLEET, Confidential Informant T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 3, 1945, that ELEANOR FLEET had been in regular attendance at the Executive Committee meetings of Section 8, then the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association.

On November 6, 1953, Confidential Informant T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had attended a party at the home of ELEANOR FLEET in the latter part of 1947. The informant advised that about twenty people attended this affair, three of whom he definitely knew to be CP members and two of whom he definitely knew were not CP members. The rest of the individuals in attendance T-11 had not met before or he did not know whether they were CP members. T-11 advised that, to the best of his recollection, he learned of this affair while attending a regular CP meeting and that, as he recalled, CP affairs were fully discussed at this party. Informant added that he had heard ELEANOR FLEET's name discussed several times subsequent to this affair by individuals known to him as CP members. He added that it had never occurred to him that FLEET was not a CP member, but that he could not recall any specific acts on her part which would specifically enable him to identify her as a member of the CP.

On July 28, 1954, WILBUR LEE MAHANEY, JR., referred to above, advised that the subject was active in the TUP during the approximate period 1935 to 1946, and, at one time, during this period, served as

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president of the TUP. According to MAHANEY, GROSSMAN was, in his opinion, a CP member because of her association and because her activities coincided with those of individuals known to him as CP members.

On August 14, 1954, Confidential Informant T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the early 1940's, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN had been extremely active in the TUP. This informant further stated that while she could not definitely so state, it had been her understanding at that time that GROSSMAN was a member of the CPEPD.

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Administrative Details

The subject appeared on 2/17/54, before the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, 83rd Congress, public hearings at Washington, D. C., and declined under the First and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution to furnish information regarding the CP or other subversive organizations.

In addition, as is set forth in this report, GROSSMAN is currently secretary of the "Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG."

In view of the fact that she refused to testify before the HCUA and that further fact that she now holds a position of responsibility with the "Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG," form FD 122 is being submitted to the Bureau recommending that GROSSMAN be included in the Security Index of this office.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were used in this report only where necessary to do so.

Informants

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| T - 1<br>[redacted]<br>(by request) | background    | 2/23/56 | JOSEPH G.<br>KELLY   | this report  |
| T - 2<br>[redacted]                 | CP membership | 6/29/54 | GEORGE J.<br>MOOREHEAD<br>and<br>BERNARD T.<br>MC CABE<br>(oral) | 100-8535-143 |

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| T - 4<br>[redacted]<br>(by request)   | Activity Committee to<br>Defend Dr. ALBERT E.<br>BLUMBERG            | 12/12/55                 | CARL<br>CLAIBORNE<br>(orally)   | 100-8535-153                             |
| T - 5<br>[redacted]   | Secretary, Committee<br>to Defend Dr. ALBERT E.<br>BLUMBERG          | 12/29/55                 | JOHN T.<br>BLAIR<br>(written)   | 100-41742-1A-6                           |
| T - 6<br>[redacted]   | Activity Committee to<br>Defend Dr. ALBERT E.<br>BLUMBERG            | 1/9/56                   | WILLIAM F.<br>MC LAUGHLIN<br>and<br>QUENTIN P.<br>STINSON<br>(orally) | 100-8565-162                             |
| T - 7<br>[redacted]   | Activity Committee to<br>Defend Dr. ALBERT E.<br>BLUMBERG            | 1/27/56                  | JEREMIAH W.<br>DOYLE<br>(orally)                                      | 100-8565-160                             |
| T - 8<br>[redacted]   | Activity Committee to<br>Defend Dr. ALBERT E.<br>BLUMBERG            | 1/27/56                  | JACK PORTER<br>(written)  | [redacted]                               |
| T - 9<br>MELVIN C. FISHER,<br>Attorney-at-Law<br>900 Dewey Bldg.<br>13th and Market<br>Sts., Philadelphia<br>(by request) | Characterization<br>TUP  | 10/12/54                 |   |  |

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| T - 11<br>[REDACTED]          | Characterization<br>ELEANOR FLEET                                 | 11/6/53                  |  |  |
| T - 12<br>[REDACTED]          | Activity TUP  | 8/14/54                  | WALTER J.<br>SHERIDAN<br>(orally)      | 100-8535-146                             |

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Will await the Bureau's recommendation that GROSSMAN be included in the SI of this office.

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Report of SA QUENTIN P. STINSON, 8/30/54, PH.

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 FROM : SA PAUL A. TURNER  
 SUBJECT : INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

DATE: 2/29/56

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

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| [REDACTED]         | Activities of HAROLD BUCHMAN<br>2/1/56             | 2/1/56         | PAUL A. TURNER<br>Orally | [REDACTED] |

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

On 2/1/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

Re: OENO

PETE MOUTSOS visited HAROLD BUCHMAN at his offices in the Tower Building for a short time. The purpose of this visit was not known to this source.

Re: MORTON SOBELL Committee

On this date, source observed a letter received by HAROLD BUCHMAN over the signature of Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NY 10, NY, addressed "Dear Harold". This letter requests a donation for a fund of \$2500.00 needed to finance further legal action to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL.

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(NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD; SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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(COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG; ELIZABETH FRAZIER;

MARY GROSSMAN)

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100-19393 PETE MOUTSOS

100-12969 OENO

100-15241 SOBELL COMM.

100-19679 COMM. TO DEFEND BLUMBERG

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Re: Committee to Defend ALBERT BLUMBERG

On 2/1/56, this source observed that HAROLD BUCHMAN received a letter from the Committee to Defend ALBERT BLUMBERG with headquarters at 8024 Roanoke St., Phila. 18. The letter gave the names of Mrs. ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman and Mrs. MARY GROSSMAN, Secretary. The letter solicited funds to finance the defense of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, who is being prosecuted in Phila.

Re: National Lawyers Guild

On 2/1/56 source observed a letter, addressed to the National Lawyers Guild with headquarters at NYC from HAROLD BUCHMAN, advising them that he would probably attend the convention of this Guild scheduled to be held 2/10-13/56 at the Hotel Statler, Detroit, Mich. It is noted that source does not have any information indicating that BUCHMAN had attended this convention.

During Sept., 1953, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HAROLD BUCHMAN was a member of the CP during 1947.

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The information contained in this memorandum does not change the Security Index status of any of the subjects mentioned therein nor does it warrant the opening of any new cases.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-41742)

FROM : SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR.  
ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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DATE: 3/1/56

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On 2/14/56, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SAs HARRY C. BELK and JEREMIAH W. DOYLE:

On the morning of 2/10/56, JACK ZUCKER contacted the informant and instructed him to attend a meeting at the residence of Dr. DAVID COHEN, 1307 Yarmouth Road, Green Hills Farms, Overbrook, Pa., on the evening of 2/10/56.

The informant attended this meeting in accordance with ZUCKER's instructions. Shortly after the informant arrived at the COHEN residence JACK ZUCKER arrived accompanied by Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG and BLUMBERG's wife, DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG. As soon as these three individuals arrived the meeting commenced with JACK ZUCKER as Chairman of the meeting. ZUCKER stated that the purpose of this meeting was to raise funds for the BLUMBERG defense and that the meeting had originally been arranged by ELIZABETH FRAZIER and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN of the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert E. Blumberg. ZUCKER added that both FRAZIER and GROSSMAN were ill with a virus and accordingly were unable to be present.

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1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-18793 (DR. DAVID COHEN)  
1 - 100-5880 (CELIA COHEN)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
1 - 100-41203 (EDITH GOLDSMITH)  
① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 100-36219 (ADELE LEIB)  
1 - 100-36255 (MERRIS LEIB)  
1 - 100-10889 (EDWARD WINHELD)  
1 - 100-38027 (ETHEL WINHELD)  
1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)  
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ZUCKER stated that as of 2/14/56, the BLUMBERG defense had incurred expenses of approximately \$10,000, \$7,500 of which represented attorneys' fees. ZUCKER added that the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert E. Blumberg had as of that date raised approximately \$4,500.

ZUCKER then requested contributions and pledges from the approximately 20 individuals who were present at the meeting. After the contributions had been collected JACK ZUCKER and CELIA COHEN jointly announced that \$600 had been contributed at the meeting and that in addition, several pledges had been made although they did not disclose the amount of the pledges. [redacted] advised that it was his observation that the \$25 contributed by EDITH GOLDSMITH was the smallest contribution made that evening.

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CELIA COHEN announced that she had turned over \$170 toward the \$600 collected. According to CELIA COHEN, the \$170 had been collected from people "who belonged to our group but couldn't make it this evening." COHEN later stated that included in this group were EDWARD WINHELD and his wife, ETHEL WINHELD, but she did not specify the amount of the contribution made by the WINHELDS.

Dr. BLUMBERG followed ZUCKER and was the principal speaker. BLUMBERG spoke about his trial which is presently under way in U.S. District Court, Philadelphia, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. According to the informant, most of BLUMBERG's remarks dealt with defense plans at the trial and informant did not disclose these plans to the interviewing agents.

The informant did advise that BLUMBERG stated that "We Communists have never advocated overthrow of the government by violence, but we do believe in Socialism to be obtained through constitutional methods."

BLUMBERG's wife, DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG, was the other speaker at this affair and she related some of her experiences while in jail following her conviction of violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

During the evening the informant overheard JACK ZUCKER ask EDITH GOLDSMITH for a \$100 installment on her pledge to the CP, and he noted that GOLDSMITH gave ZUCKER \$100.

Of the approximately 20 people present at this affair, the informant identified Dr. DAVID COHEN, CELIA COHEN, ADELE LEIB and her husband MORRIS LEIB, in addition to the BLUMBERGs and ZUCKER.

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SA JOSEPH G. KELLY

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/11/56, [REDACTED] whose identity should be protected and who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with the following items:

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1. A letter written on the letterhead stationery of the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG requesting contributions for the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG in connection with his current trial under the membership section of the Smith Act. This letter is signed by ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER as Chairman and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as Secretary of the captioned committee.
2. A four-page brochure entitled, "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG — Thinking Forbidden Thoughts," issued by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Both of the above items are being retained as exhibits in Philadelphia file, 100-41742-1B-1 (1).

cc: 1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-8548 (DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)  
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SA JOSEPH G. KELLY

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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On 1/30/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with a four-page brochure entitled, "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG — Thinking Forbidden Thoughts," issued by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa.

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This brochure contains background information concerning BLUMBERG and urges the recipient to:

1. Write to President EISENHOWER, asking that he halt further Smith Act prosecutions and arrests.
2. Write to Congressmen calling for attention to the growing demand for repeal of the Smith Act.
3. Aid in the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG by sending contributions to:

Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG  
Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman  
Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary

cc: 1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-8548 (DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)  
1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
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This brochure contains printer's bug #209.

On page two of this brochure appears a photograph of ALBERT and DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG. Under this photograph appears the following legend:

"Mrs. BLUMBERG, now living in New York with her husband, was one of the six Baltimore defendants convicted under the conspiracy section of the Smith Act in 1951. She was released in May, 1955 from the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va., after serving the required twenty-eight months of a three-year sentence."

The above item is being retained as an exhibit in Philadelphia file 100-41742-1B-1-(4).

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SA HARVEY B. MURPHY

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 1/27/56, ARTHUR C. PARIENTE, 3338 Chestnut Street, Junior Editor of the "Daily Pennsylvanian," the University of Pennsylvania College newspaper, who has furnished reliable information in the past, (protect identity - requested), telephonically contacted this office advising writer the "Daily Pennsylvanian" had received a mailing from captioned organization which he would forward to this office.

On 1/30/56, the writer received, via the regular mails, the following from PARIENTE the captioned organization:

1. A printed invitation card issued by captioned organization to meet with Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG on 1/26/56, 8:00 p.m., at New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, speaker, Dr. BROADUS MITCHELL.

2. A printed folder captioned "The Crime of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG - Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." This item contains a photograph of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG and also a photograph of he and his wife, ROSE BLUMBERG. This item discusses the charge against BLUMBERG and his current (then forthcoming) trial. The item requests readers to:

1. Write President Eisenhower to halt further Smith Act prosecutions and arrests.

2. Write Congressmen re repeal of Smith Act.

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1 - 100-38955 (COMINFIL INTO EDUCATION)  
1 - 100-8548 (DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)  
1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
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1 - 100-new (DR. BROADUS MITCHELL)

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3. Send contributions to captioned organization for BLUMBERG's defense.

3. An undated printed letter under letterhead of captioned CP organization which solicits contributions for BLUMBERG's defense expenses and states letter is enclosing a brochure which explains the case fully.

4. A four page mimeographed brochure captioned "Facts on the Forthcoming Trial of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG."

The brochure as indicated sets forth facts of the trial including a copy of the indictment; section two (a) of the Smith Act; and quotes from various publications criticizing or questioning the validity of the Smith Act and Smith Act Prosecutions.

The above items are retained as a single exhibit filed 100-41742 - 1A - 10.

It is to be noted that each of the above four items lists ELIZABETH FRAZIER as chairman of captioned organization. Item three above shows Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as secretary of captioned organization. Information re MITCHELL not disseminated to Newark Division as informant's report covering this meeting containing more pertinent information will be received by this division. A copy of this memo is placed in Cominfil Into Education because of the mailing to the University of Pennsylvania.

It is recommended a 100 - new jacket be prepared on Dr. ERICADUS MITCHELL as Philadelphia Indices contain approximately fifteen references on him and due to the increased frequency of his visits to this division.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-31723)

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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DATE: 3/5/56

On 1/9/56, the writer received through the mail from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, the following quoted handwritten report which is maintained as an attachment to [redacted]

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1 - 100-31723  
 1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)  
 1 - 100-33480 (CP, USA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES)  
 1 - 100-33150 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)  
 1 - 100-33717 (CP, USA - NATIONAL GROUP COMMISSION)  
 1 - 100-33143 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)  
 1 - 100-31643 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)  
 1 - 100-2616 ("MORNING FREIHEIT")  
 1 - 100-33236 ("PENNSYLVANIA EDITION - THE WORKER")  
 1 - 100-40421 (PHILADELPHIA JEWISH LIFE COMMITTEE)  
 1 - 100-20479 (ELSIE DICKERSON)  
 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)  
 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
 1 - 100-34688 (JOHN HOLTON)  
 1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)  
 1 - 100-3658 (JOSEPH KUZMA)  
 1 - 100-20115 (EUGENE O'BRIEN)  
 1 - 100-14237 (JESSIE O'BRIEN)  
 1 - 100-40621 (PABLO M. GARCIA RODRIGUEZ)  
 1 - 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)  
 1 - 100-23953 (MINNIE SCHNEIDERMAN)  
 1 - 100-3581 (ABE SOKOLOV)  
 1 - 100-23232 (ALBERT STEELE)  
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"The City Committee of the Communist Party of Phila. held its regular meeting on Friday, Jan. 6, 1956, at the home of EUGENE & JESSIE O'BRIEN, 4130 Parkside Ave. The O'BRIENS are not members of the City Committee, but allowed the group the use of their apartment, which is on the 4th floor of the above address, No. # D-70.

"The following comrades were present:

- "1. JOE KUZMA - Chairman of the City Committee and organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pa. & Del.
2. BOB KLONSKY - Editor of Pa. edition of Worker.
3. ABE SARKOLOFF - Secretary of City Committee
4. AL STEELE - Regional Chairman of Industrial region.
5. SOL ROTTENBERG
6. JOHN HOLTON
7. JACK ZUCKER
8. ELSIE DICKERSON - Chairman of 2nd CD region.

JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN was the only member abent.

"The agenda was as follows:

- "1. Press - BOB KLONSKY
2. Jewish Work - ABE
3. Good & Welfare.

"BOB KLONSKY said the following things: qoute

"Comrades, I'll not attempt to go into a lengthy discussion on the press. We've had several of them. I'll try to enlighten you on the status of the campaign up to date, as of 1/5/56.'

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"On Thurs. Jan 5, 1956, a city-wide meeting was held and there was a good representation. The spirit of the meeting was excellent. The comrades were really challenging each other in good socialistic competition."

"At that meeting forty (40) subs were turned in, before that, eighteen (18) subs had been turned in. This means that we are a little below 10% of our goal in the city."

"There were certain perspectives agreed upon. 'For instance\_ the Pa. Edition of The Worker is waging a campaign for collection of food for the South. This is the Worker's campaign, independent from any other group. Therefore\_ the party organization should support the paper's program of collecting food for Negroes in the South. This program should be utilized to sell the paper and obtain subscriptions.'

"On Jan. 14 & 15 - a leaflet will be issued, explaining why paper is carrying out this program."

"Next week it is proposed that a follow-up in the area where the leaflet is distributed, for the purpose of collecting food. On Sunday evening\_ 1/22/56\_ at 2014 N. 32nd St., a big turn in of subs is expected. Also, food for Negroes in the South\_ should be turned in."

"On Jan. 27, 1956, New York is holding its 32nd Anniversary. This will be in form of a big rally. This will be the first public appearance of JOHN GATES and EUGENE DENNIS; they'll speak at this rally."

"New York is asking that delegates from near areas come into N. Y. for the affair. We propose that 2 delegates from each region go into N. Y. for this affair. Cars should be mobilized. Details to be worked out later."

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"On Feb. 7, 1956, here in Phila. we will stage an affair in celebration of the paper's 32nd Anniversary. The place hasn't been obtained as of yet. At this affair, the main speaker will be PUBELO GARCIA, the Pureto Rican comrade that spoke at the Nat'l Conference. He is now touring this country to get support for the Smith Act defendants; he himself is one.'

"Two things are strongly urged, (1) the maxium number of comrades be mobilized for the leaflet distribution and (2) a large turn out for the public 2/3/56 affair.'

"Another major thing, we are asking each regin to obtain a campaign manager, for the duration of the press drive this person would handle on this job for the time being. I realized we did away with reginal press director, however, the district Board is going to review this. We may have made an error in aboloshing this post.' (unquote)

"The comrades in the room promised to aid in the current campaign.

"The next point was Jewish work. ABE's report was certainly not up to par; In as much as it was not a report stemming from collective thinking. ABE said, he had been the sole comrade working on this report. He said he tried to get in touch with SOL ROTTENBERG, but failed. Here are some highlights in ABE's report, quote:

"One major question in our mind, why is a Jewish left-center necessary!? 'Certainly if we take a close look at the programs of the right-led Jewish organizations, we see they have very liberal programs. Again, we'll find that Jewish life is very well organized. Thru struggle they were organized, this was true in whole movements in Jewish life, left or right, dating back to 1920.'

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"On a further look at Jewish organizations we see the right-led groups, led by Social democrats. In these groups, the Jewish working-class has been excluded. These groups go so far. This is where the left comes in; injecting issues which Social democrat leadership fail to do.'

"What is the nature of left organizations today!?

"We see in Jewish left organization a tendency to liquidate. The membership today is weaker. Most of the people in the left-led Jewish organizations have become older.'

"However, many young Jewish people have gone into right-led groups and have enjoyed being there. So, as a result, they have become so comfortable there, they refuse to do anything in the left groups.'

"We must find new methods of work at this period. Already the party has re-established the Jewish Commission in the party.

"In spite of all the attacks upon these left groups, and the list that the Attorney General drew up, listing them as Communist front organizations, the Fraheidt has still continued to operate.'

"This paper has lost some readers, because of the Red-Scare. However, there are still four hundred (400) readers.'

"Some of the left groups are mere 'Cultural Clubs'. Very few comrades are in these clubs. Progressives sit around listening to music, or maybe have a discussion. This is what the 'Cultural Clubs mean'. Unquote.

"This was ABE's report. JOE said the floor was open for questions.

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"AL STEELE asked\_ 'What part of Phila. population is Jewish!?' ABE's answer - '350,000!\_'.

"JACK ZUCKER asked, 'How many Cultural Clubs are there!?'

"SOL ROTTENBERG's answer - 'There about twelve (12 of these) Cultural Clubs of left-progressives and progressives in Phila.'

"BOB KLONSKY - 'On the Morning Fraheidt (spelling may be wrong) you said there were 400 readers.' 'How does this compare with the number of readers in 1950!?'

"ABE's answer - 'In 1950 we had 600 readers, so the lost of 200 is not as great as it sounds.'

"The questions cont'd. ELSIE DICKERSON asked, 'What ties do these groups have with the labor movement as org.!?'

"ABE's answer - 'Very little, and that is by contact of our comrades, in the Baker's union, Garment Workers\_ and a few in the carpenter's union. however it is on a small scale. I would say in Jewish left-led org. you find they have no influence in the labor movement.'

"JOHN HOLTEN - 'How large is the Jewish working class!?'

"SOL - answering - 'Since the war, Jewish working class has decreased.' 'We find that the standard of living has been raised and more Jews have gone into business.'

"JOE KUZMA felt the question and answer period should end. JOE said he wanted to say something. He did, the following: quote:

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"ABE's report was very disappointing. I dont see how a fruitful discussion could be held here tonight, on the strength of this report. ABE did not obtain the collective thinking of the Jewish Commission, and thus injected his personal thinking.'

"This is a result of the way the party has handled Jewish work in the past. For the last 10 or 15 yrs. we allowed one man to be responsible for this work. That man was SOL (meaning SOL ROTTENBERG). He has been sort of ambassador to these left-organizations, for the party. In the main the error has been with the party for allowing one man to speak for the party.'

"Jewish Commissions have been established and re-established for the past ten years, however, the old method of allowing one man to control a phase of party work, still existed. This must not continue.'

"As a result of this policy we have lost leading Jewish Comrades. They have gone into right-led organizations and refuse to have anything to do with the party. There's been no collective leadership on this phase of work. As a matter of fact, it has been years since we held a discussion on Jewish work.'

"In the past ten yrs., I've been district org. or secretary and BOB was district Secretary, we were never called in on any club discussion or any kind.'

"I tell you the party stand in danger of losing its national group as a result of this method of work. An example of the struggle we face is seen in our effort to register comrades in the Ukranian group. We stand to lose twelve of them. They have not registered. No one can tell me, they are afraid, it's because we have allowed one man to give directives to comrades. These comrades have had no direct contact with the party for years. Therefore, they did not see the need to belong to any Communist Party. The same thing holds true with



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"the Russians' group. In the Slav group, we have lost every comrade; there's no Slav membership in Phila. today. We are making an effort to regain these losses; but we must begin by correcting the mistake. This means removing SOL as a Party ambassador to these Nat'l groups. From now on in the party, one person will not be allowed to be sole responsible in any phase of work. Lets do away with the experts and build a collective leadership on all phases and levels. If we don't, I see a complete loss of the national groups.' Unquote.

"SOL was not please\_ at this attack. He said - quote 'I disagree with JOE's picture of the situation. It's not a true picture. From time to time I did consult with some one from the Board.' unquote

"JOE shot back, 'Sure, an expert.' 'BOB or I was never asked to sit in on a meeting.'

"SOL - 'Oh\_ you are taking it personal.'

"JOE, 'Certainly not, but tell me how can you say you have a collective in any phase of work, if the organizer and the Secretary of the district is not aware of anything going on. This proves that the method is is wrong.' It is not entirely your fault, SOL, but the mistake is in the main; The party allow this to happen. The party must make the correction.

"BOB KLONSKY, quote - 'I agree with JOE, the method has been wrong and we stand to lose the entire National group. Jewish leaders have left our party. The explanation is simple, our method is wrong.'

"I do think JOE was too sharp with SOL.'

"SOL interrupting, saying, 'My head is full of knocks\_ whats one more.'

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"JACK ZUCKER, 'Because of the lateness of the hour I feel we must postpone this discussion to a future time. We certainly can not handle it tonight.'

"This was agreed and the discussion table until another time.

"Under good & welfare, JOE announced the BLUMBERG affair. It'll be held 1/26/56 at the New Century Club - 124 So. 12th St. Admission will be \$1.00. The main speaker will be BROADUS MITCHELL, Prof. at Rutgers University. It is sponsored by 'The Committee to defend Dr. ALBERT A. BLUMBERG.' JOE said the Committee was a very broad one. ELIZABETH FRAZIER is Chairman and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary. JOE asked the comrades to mobilize for this affair.

"The next meeting will be held, Jan. 19, 1956\_ at 714 N. Franklin St. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m."

Pertinent information from the above-quoted report was promptly furnished to the Bureau, New York, and San Juan Offices after its receipt.

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 3-7-56

FROM : SA WILBUR S. DETCALF

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
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Miss JANET THOMPSON, Subversive Files Section, Headquarters, Pennsylvania State Police, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa., furnished the following information on 2-15-56, to SA WILBUR S. METCALF from a report written by Corporal EDWARD W. LAYS, Troop A-4, Pennsylvania State Police, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 2-10-56. Identity of this source should be protected.

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ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)

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A reception sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. ELUENBERG was held on 1-26-56, at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The auditorium was arranged for by Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia, who is chairman of that organization. Approximately 120 persons attended the affair, which began at 8:32 p.m., and ended at 10:19 p.m.

Speakers were: ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER; Dr. BARROWS DUNHAM; THOMAS NABRIED; Dr. ALBERT E. ELUENBERG; LARRY FOLEY CROSSMAN, who is secretary of the committee; Professor PROMDUS MITCHELL.

Those identified to be in attendance at the above reception were:

DOROTHY ALBERT  
4048 Parkside Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

LEON BESKRONE  
6524 Walnut Park  
Melrose Manor, Pa.

Dr. ALBERT E. ELUENBERG  
478 Central Park West  
New York City, N.Y.

DOROTHY ROSE ELUENBERG  
478 Central Park West  
New York City, N.Y.

JULIETTE CASEY  
135 West Upsal Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ARCHIBALD COLEMAN  
907 North Seventh Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD  
3930 West Girard Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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DAVID DAVIS  
1725 North Creighton Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

SOPHIE DAVIS  
1725 North Creighton Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JAMES DOLSEN  
4510 Regent Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

BARROWS DUNHAM  
127 Bentley Street  
Cynwyd, Pa.

Reverend KENNETH R. FOREES  
135 West Upsal Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER  
8024 Roanoke Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

MORRIS DeCAMP FREEMAN  
144 West Penn  
Philadelphia, Pa.

SUSAN FREEMAN  
144 West Penn  
Philadelphia, Pa.

PRISCILLA HOLTON  
2145 North Corlies Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

IRVIN KATZ  
2709 South Ninth Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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ROBERT KLONSKY  
2309 North 32nd Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

HELEN KLONSKY  
2309 North 32nd Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JOSEPH KUZMA  
2309 North 32nd Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

SHERMAN LABOVITZ  
3022 West Euclid Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JEROME MARSHALL  
2450 North 31st Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

THOMAS MERED  
2031 West Oxford Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

FRANK PORTMAN  
3051 West Euclid Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

BERNARD ROBERTS  
2429 North Douglass Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JOSEPH ROBERTS  
2429 North Douglass Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ALFRED ROSE  
8320 Pickering Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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SOL ROTENBERG  
39 East Tulpehocken Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

HAROLD SPENCER  
2043 Locust Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JACQUELINE SHACHTER  
7126 Eastwood Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

LEE SOKOLOV  
2433 North 32nd Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

LEON TESSLER  
4244 Parkside Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

GOLDIE MITSON  
2335 North College Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

BENJAMIN WEISS  
5266 Parkside Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

HELEN WEISS  
5266 Parkside Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

HARRY WILLIAMS (True name: HAROLD JULIAN COLLINS)  
1633 North 33rd Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ANNE ZUCKER  
2518 North Corlies Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JACK ZUCKER  
2518 North Corlies Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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The following registrations were taken from cars from which either the operator, the occupants, or both, attended the reception. Registrations are from Pennsylvania unless otherwise indicated.

EO980 - EVELLA R. CLIP  
6737 Woolston Road  
Philadelphia, Pa.

08565 - MORRISON D. FREEMAN  
1144 West Penn  
Philadelphia, Pa.

DF555 - JAMES E. GILLOWAY  
504 Johnson Avenue  
Ridley Park, Pa.

94307 - MORRIS LIEB  
1543 East Upsal Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

90920 - DOROTHY B. LOEB  
1638 Amity Road  
Arlington, Pa.

CU38D - WILLIAM McKINE  
(New Jersey) 1300 Pine Street  
Pine Hill, N.J.

57R38 - H.H. and W.S. MARKOVITZ  
219 Ridley Avenue  
Folsom, Pa.

351VA - OSCAR BUSKIN  
6123 Christian Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

YB960 - ALFRED ROIE  
8320 Pickering Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.



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L1118 - LEE S. SCHREIBER  
6901 Wayne Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

50396 - HYMAN H. STEINBERG  
5712 Rodman Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

89LHO - EDWARD WAXMAN  
8011 Gilbert Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

589V - J.S. ZUCKER  
2518 North Corlies Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

# Blumberg on Eve of His Trial Stresses Issue of Free Speech

PHILADELPHIA.—"The fight for civil liberties today has a new and special significance," declared Dr. Albert Blumberg, national legislative representative of the Communist Party, in a speech here to a rally on the eve of his trial under the membership provision of the Smith Act.

"Tremendous issues and big decisions are involved in this critical election year of 1956, with the Dixiecrats in violent revolt against the U.S. Constitution. What is at stake is PEACE versus TOTAL DESTRUCTION! It is equal rights for all the Negro people in the South."

"In this situation the right of full discussion of the issues facing the American people becomes of supreme importance. This includes, of necessity, the opportunity to hear and read what the Communists have to say."

This emphasis on the urgent need of the widest freedom of ex-

pression ran through the speeches of the other two speakers—Professor Broadus Mitchell of the Economics Department of Rutgers University, and Dr. Barrows Dunham, author and former Temple University teacher. Blumberg was a student at Rutgers under Professor Mitchell.

"THOUGHTS," said Dr. Dunham, "should not be policed. They should be brought out into the open where everyone may judge their validity."

The appearance of such prominent non-Communists at a public gathering on the eve of a trial of a Communist leader is unprecedented in this country and itself attests the dying down of the anti-Communist hysteria incited by the Mc-

Carthyites and their followers.

In his address Blumberg further pointed out that while the fog of McCarthyism had lifted somewhat during the past year and certain civil rights victories had been secured, there could be no reliance on an automatic development of this process into the complete defeat of McCarthyism. "The mantle of McCarthy and his practices have," he warned, "passed on to U. S. Senator Eastland of Mississippi and to Representative Francis Walter of Pennsylvania."

BLUMBERG called attention to the fact that prosecutions were still going on under the Smith Act referring to his own trial set for Jan. 30.

While Communists—along with

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many others—hold that the Smith Act is unconstitutional, it is their position that in any case the law does not apply to them. "We Communists do not advocate resort to force and violence, as charged in the indictment. The fundamental social change we urge—the transition to socialism—can—and should be—achieved by constitutional means.

"In our country today such constitutional means to this end do exist despite McCarthyite attempts to destroy them," he emphasized. "We Communists are doing everything in our power to maintain them and to expand the democratic rights of our people especially to the millions of our fellow Negro citizens of the South.

"The whole issue of alleged Communist advocacy of force and violence is therefore a false one," he concluded.

"Why, then," he asked, "are such trials going on?"

The answer, he said, is that Big Business fears the Communist program for peace, civil rights and social welfare will win popular support. It is using the Smith Act and other such repressive measures to intimidate people and thus impede the movement in that direction, which has been greatly accelerated by the Geneva "Summit" conference of the heads of the Big Four Powers.

"I face the future with confidence," Blumberg concluded, "confidence in the American working class and the American people, and certain that the day is near when the Smith Act and political trials under it will end!"

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GREETINGS to the Communist leader were presented on behalf of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants by Tom Nabried, one of them.

The meeting was sponsored by the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg headed by Miss Elizabeth Frazier as chairman and Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman as secretary. The group is conducting a financial drive to cover the financial expenses connected with the trial.

Some \$300 was raised at the gathering itself. Contributions should be sent to the committee in care of Miss Elizabeth Frazier, 5024 Hoan St., Philadelphia 18.

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SA JAMES E. JARBOE

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, supplied SA JARBOE with the following items on 1/26/56.

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1. A pamphlet by LOUIS BURNHAM entitled "Behind the Lynching of EMMET LOUIS TILL." The pamphlet consists of 15 pages and was published by Freedom Associates, Inc., 139 West 125th Street, New York City. Informant advised that this pamphlet was one of approximately 500 which were delivered to her residence on 1/20/56 by ROBERT JAFFE. Further description of these pamphlets has been handled by separate memo.

This item is located in Philadelphia file 100-36131-1-B-1-13.

2. (A) A printed letter undated by the Committee to Defend Doctor ALBERT E. BLUMBERG soliciting contributions toward BLUMBERG's defense following his indictment on 10/4/54 under the Membership Provision of the Smith Act. The letter states that approximately \$10,000 would be needed for BLUMBERG's defense. The letter is signed by ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary.

- 1 - 100-36131
- 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8548 (DOCTOR ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-37930 (LOUIS BURNHAM)
- 1 - 100-2838 (ROBERT JAFFE)
- 1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DOCTOR ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-31643 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-33143 (CP NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 100-33236 (THE WORKER)
- 1 - [redacted]

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-41472)

DATE: 3/12/56

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. KELLY

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 1/30/55, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with an oral report of his attendance at a meeting sponsored by captioned Committee and held 1/26/56, at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia. The informant's oral report was reduced to written form by SA KELLY and was exhibited to him on 2/27/56, at which time he attested to its accuracy and signed it.

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This written report, which is maintained as an exhibit in Philadelphia file [REDACTED] reads as follows:

- 1 - Newark (100-36494) (Dr. BROADUS MITCHELL) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - 100-41472
- 1 - 100-30938 (PHILADELPHIA COMPROS)
- 1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS N. BRIED)
- 1 - 65-1690 (BROADUS MITCHELL)
- 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
- 1 - 100-16499 (BARROWS DUNHAM)
- 1 - 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)
- 1 - 100-34247 (HENRY BEITTSCHER)
- 1 - 100-5822 (BEN WEISS)
- 1 - 100-6519 (HELEN WEISS)
- 1 - 100-11252 (HELEN PENZUR)
- 1 - 100-485 (ARCHIE COLEMAN)
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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Philadelphia, Pa.  
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"I attended a meeting sponsored by the "Committee To Defend Albert E. Blumberg," which was held 1/26/56, at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia. The meeting was not well attended, with less than 100 people there.

"Elizabeth Frazier, Chairman of the "Committee To Defend Albert E. Blumberg" served as chairwoman. She introduced Thomas Nabried, whom she identified as "one of the victims prosecuted under the Smith Act."

"Nabried spoke briefly, commenting that he felt that it was a wonderful thing that they had the chance to meet as they were, and to discuss things openly. He added that he personally felt very honored to be at the speakers' table with Blumberg.

"Blumberg, who looked exceptionally well, commented in his remarks that he had been a student of Dr. BROADUS MITCHELL in 1924. His talk was brief, generally fell into three divisions, namely, why he was there, what he intended to do, and an introduction of Mary Foley Grossman, secretary of the "Committee To Defend Albert E. Blumberg." Blumberg criticized the Smith Act, pointing out that the Government's action brought under the Smith Act dealt with conspiracy and not with the actual advocacy of the Government's overthrow by force and violence. He expressed optimism over the outcome of his trial under the membership clause of the Smith Act, stating that while he realized he would be subjected to a "tough trial" he nonetheless was confident he would

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"be vindicated at trial's end. Blumberg further stated in regard to his trial that "they" were merely attempting to prove that the majority of the American people had the right to revolt if necessary to correct injustice. He cited the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence as proof of the right of the majority to revolutionary action.

"Blumberg then introduced Mary Foley Grossman who made an appeal for funds. Grossman requested everyone to contribute generously, pointing out that such contributions were not only for Blumberg's defense, but for their defense as well, since everything affecting Blumberg, affected them as well.

"Broadus Mitchell also spoke at the meeting. Mitchell told several humorous stories, then commented that, as Blumberg had stated, Blumberg had been a student of his. He added that every professor feels that the men he teaches will become famous men, and that sometimes the professor overestimates and at other times underestimates the true capacity of his individual students. He illustrated this point with a humorous anecdote regarding the archeologist who had discovered the class roll book of Socrates, in which Socrates had given a "D" to Plato. Mitchell then commented that Blumberg's case was analogous to that of Thomas Jefferson. He explained that Alexander Hamilton, whom he characterized as being intelligent, honest and sincere, seriously believed that Jefferson represented a true danger to the welfare of the United States. As a result of this belief, Hamilton went to great lengths to discredit and break Jefferson, even to the point

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"of attempting to convince Supreme Court Justice John Jay that he should use subterfuge to break up the Jeffersonians. According to Mitchell, Jay had refused outright to do so on the basis that such action was contrary to American principles. Mitchell added that history is full of incidents illustrating this point, that such treatment has been given to others as is now being afforded Blumberg. Mitchell criticised the Smith Act as being "dreadful and prejudicial to one Political Party alone." He declared that as long as the Communist Party is a legal political party, there is no reason for the Smith Act.

"I was somewhat surprised by the lack of enthusiasm that pervaded the entire affair. The speeches were brief, non-inflammatory, and together with the smallness of the crowd, created an attitude of almost indifference.

"Barrows Dunham also spoke briefly at this affair. He was introduced by Elizabeth Frazier as "one who has been through what the rest of us are going through, stood up to the task, and came out on top." Dunham gave a short rambling talk, which frankly I couldn't follow, with the exception that he stated that he personally was very proud of Blumberg.

"A contribution was taken up, and an envelope was held aloft with the statement it contained \$83.00. I contributed \$25.00 at the insistence of Sol Rotenberg. I started to give \$15, but Rotenberg belittled that amount, saying I could afford more.



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"Among those present in addition to those mentioned previously were the following:

"Henry Beitscher  
Ben Weiss  
Helen Weiss  
Helen Penzur  
Sol Rotenberg

"Archie Coleman - who sold me a copy of "Pennsylvania In Facts and Figures" issued by the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-41742)

DATE: 3/16/56

FROM : SA FURMAN N. GREER

SUBJECT : COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG;  
IS-C.

On 2/6/56 [redacted], panel source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FURMAN N. GREER of an affair he attended on 1/26/56 sponsored by captioned organization. The oral information has been reduced to a written statement and is being retained in [redacted].

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An affair sponsored by the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG was held on Thursday evening, 1/26/56, at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. There were approximately 70 people present on this occasion, which included FRANK PORTMAN, BENJAMIN SHOHEN, BILL GRIMFORD, TOM M. BRIED, JERRY MARSHALL, HELEN KLONSKY, BOB KLONSKY, JOE KUZEL, JACK ZUCKER, JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN, CHICK KATZ, GOLDIE KEYSER, LEON TESSLER, JOE ROBERTS, ELEANOR WILLIAMS, HARRY WILLIAMS, ELIZABETH

1 - Newark (EROLDUS MITCHELL) (RM)

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- 1 - 100-41742 (Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-2306 (FRANK PORTMAN)
- 1 - 100-20621 (BENJAMIN SHOHEN)
- 1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM GRIMFORD)
- 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS M. BRIED)
- 1 - 100-15389 (JEROME MARSHALL)
- 1 - 100-33246 (HELEN KLONSKY)
- 1 - 100-32743 (ROBERT KLONSKY)
- 1 - 100-3658 (JOSEPH KUZEL)
- 1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)
- 1 - 100-23953 (JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN)
- 1 - 100-29189 (CHICK KATZ)
- 1 - 100-19456 (GOLDIE KEYSER)
- 1 - 100-21717 (LEON TESSLER)
- 1 - 100-38020 (JOE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 100-30243 (ELEANOR WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 100-26331 (HARRY WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 100-8548 (Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-16499 (BARON'S DUNN)
- 1 - 100-8535 (FRANK GRIMFORD)
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"ELIZABETH ELIZIER, Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, BARROWS DUNHAM, BROADUS MITCHELL, and JAY F. GROSSMAN.

"ELIZABETH ELIZIER chaired the affair and urged those present to make a donation to carry on the work of the organization. She asked everyone present to attend the trial of Dr. BLUMBERG, which would give them some idea as to the charges being brought against him by the U. S. Government. ELIZIER introduced each of the following speakers: THOMAS M. BAIRD, Dr. BARROWS DUNHAM, BROADUS MITCHELL, and Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.

"M. BAIRD spoke of his recent trial and stated that he was tried under the Smith Act by the U. S. Government because he had taken a stand for his people (Negro), and that he had done nothing illegal in this regard.

"Dr. DUNHAM's talk was technical in nature, which included many legal points as pertaining to the Smith Act. His contention was that the Smith Act is unconstitutional and an infringement upon the individual rights of the citizen. He felt that in a short time the majority of the people in the United States would come to realize that the Smith Act does not fit into our 'current social pattern' and will bring pressure to have the law declared unconstitutional.

"BROADUS MITCHELL in his speech stated that although he is not a 'Communist,' he could not stand by and let a man be committed to prison for mere membership in an organization. He felt that the American people should be made aware of what is in store for them if legislation such as the Smith Act is permitted to be enforced. He pointed out that other legislation (not specific) similar to the Smith Act, which encroaches upon individual freedoms granted under the Constitution, should be brought to the attention of the American people through organizations such as the Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG. He felt that if given enough publicity, legislation, such as he described above, would ultimately be declared unconstitutional.

"Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG was the closing speaker. His talk concerned his membership and activity in the Communist Party over the past years.

"Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the affair."

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SA HARRY C. BELK

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG;  
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On 3/1/56 Confidential Source [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, exhibited to SA HARRY C. BELK a note prepared in ELIZABETH FRAZIER's handwriting, which is as follows:

"Re Self-assessed Taxes

"My dear Mr. CASEY:

"This is to inform you that I appeared at your office yesterday, when you were out, about the amusement tax due. Your secretary took me to the proper person to arrange for a payment of tax. Check has been submitted today. Sorry to have caused you this trouble through my ignorance of amusement tax ordinance.

"Yours truly,

S/ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER  
"Chairman"

This note was dated 2/21/56 and appeared on stationery with following letterhead: "Committee to Defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG; MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary; Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia, Pa."

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① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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SA OTIS L. BURTON

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT  
E. BLUMBERG  
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On 2/1/56, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the writer the following items:

FOIA b 7 D

1. A one page special announcement announcing a meeting of instant Committee to be held 1/26 (56) at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia. The announcement stated that this affair was under the auspices of the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert Blumberg, with ELIZABETH FRAZIER, Chairman, and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN Secretary.

2. A release headed "The Crime of Dr. Blumberg," which says that BLUMBERG was indicted under the Smith Act of 1940 on 10/6/54 (Membership Clause).

Item two above states in part that DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG, now living in New York with Dr. BLUMBERG, was one of six Baltimore defendants convicted under the Conspiracy Section of the Smith Act in 1951. She was released in 5/55 from the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., after serving the required 28 months of a three year sentence.

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- 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1 - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
- 1 - 100-1502-2847 (CP BUILDING TRADES SECTION)
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Informant orally advised on 1/17/56 that he received item one above at a club meeting, Building Trades Section, CP, EPD, held 1/16/56 at 2541 North 31st Street, Philadelphia, and members attending this meeting were urged to attend and support BLUMBERG on 1/26/56.

Informant advised he received item two above at the meeting on 1/26/56.

The above items are maintained in 100-41742-1-B-1(6).

The informant's report concerning the meeting held 1/26/56 has been previously dictated.

SAC (100-41742)

4/12/56

SA ROBERT E. KENT

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR.  
ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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On 4/3/56 and 4/10/56 SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON furnished material received from a trash cover on the residence of MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, 2302 Delancey Street. This material indicates GROSSMAN to continue to reside at an apartment at this address.

However, as it contained nothing pertinent to captioned investigation or to the investigation of GROSSMAN, the material was not retained.

It is noted that this address includes a number of apartments.

- 1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
- ① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG  
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[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA JOHN E. KRATING on March 30, 1956, a copy of a four-page leaflet entitled, "The Crime of Dr. Albert Blumberg, Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." This document, which is being enclosed herewith for the Philadelphia Office, identifies ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER as Chairman of the Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN is listed as the Secretary of this committee. The document gives a brief biography of BLUMBERG, including some positions he held in the Communist Party in the 1940's. It also contains some material pertaining to the Smith Act.

4 - Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)  
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(1 - 100- ) (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN) 100-8535 \* plus ref's  
1 - New York (100-9984) (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (Info) (#7-5) (REGISTERED)  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-28565)

DATE: 4/16/56

FROM : SA ELMER T. MILLER

SUBJECT: ERIC WINSTON  
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On 3/16/56, through a trash cover on the residence of ERIC and LOUISE WINSTON, 7814 Provident Street, Philadelphia, maintained through the cooperation of JOSEPH MORGAN, Area Superintendent, Haines and Magnolia Streets Trash Collection Depot, Department of Sanitation, Philadelphia, SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON received the following items:

18 - Philadelphia

- 1- 100-28565
- 1- 100-41742 (DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG)
- 1- 100-29099 (HANS BLUMENFELD)
- 1- 100-6421 (WILLIAM BROCKMAN)
- 1- 100-15963 (HARRIET FAHEY)
- 1- 100-34671 (KENNETH R. FORBES)
- 1- 100-10883 (ELI FINKELSTEIN)
- 1- 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRAZIER)
- 1- 100-3535 (MARY F. GROSSMAN)
- 1- 100-34688 (JOHN L. HOLTON)
- 1- 100-21030 (BERNARD KABACOFF)
- 1- 100-19272 (LEAH KABACOFF)
- 1- 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)
- 1- 100-34015 (MARTIN SILVERT)
- 1- 100-27496 (LOUISE WINSTON)
- 1- 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)
- 1- 100-31535 (CRC)
- 1- 100-18819 (AAScW)
- 1- 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG)

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NAMES INDEXED TO THIS MEMO:

WILLIAM VINCENT MULLEN; HERMAN TOLL;  
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Rev. W.T. VANDERVER; CONSTANCE DALLAS,  
aka Mrs. GEORGE M. DALLAS; Dr. JOHN H.  
ARNETT; Mrs. JOHN H. ARNETT; Rev. J.  
QUINTON JACKSON; Mr. CHARLES LIDDELL;  
Rabbi PINCHOS CHAZIN; Mr. HERBERT  
LINSBERG; BILL GREEN; HUGH SCOTT;  
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(1.) An envelope addressed to L. WINSTON, 7814 Provident Street, Philadelphia 19, Pa. The postmark was 3/8/56, and the return address was Room 710, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa. This is the address of the CPEPD Headquarters. Not retained.

(2.) A gas bill to ERIC WINSTON, 7814 Provident Street. Not retained.

(3.) Four payroll check vouchers from Jerrold Electronics Corporation, 26th and Dickinson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 2/5, 2/18, 3/12, and 5/21 (the year not stated). Amounts ranged from \$115.00 to \$135.00. Not retained.

(4.) An empty envelope addressed to ERIC WINSTON, 7814 Provident Street, Philadelphia 19, Pa., bearing the return address of "Kabacoff, 5351 Oxford St., Philadelphia." This is a <sup>1st</sup> postage prepaid envelope. Previous investigation has disclosed that it most probably contained AAScW literature.

(5.) Three mortgage payment notices for March, April, and May 1954 showing \$28.89 due the Beneficial Saving Fund, 12th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. Not retained.

(6.) Three newspaper wrappers bearing the following: "Louise Winston, 7814 Provident St., Phila. 19 Pa. 7-8-56 MR - S"

These wrappers bear the identical addressograph stamp which was on a card index located in Room 710, Shubert Building, 250 South Broad Street, and a photo of which was furnished by an anonymous source on 2/3/56. The photo is retained as 100-1502-18-2420.

who has furnished reliable information in the past, previously advised on 11/25/55, and 12/5/55, that SOPHIE DAVIS, Office Secretary, CP Headquarters, Room 710, Shubert Building, was then preparing a card index of subscribers to "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker."

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Not retained.

(7.) A portion of a mimeographed form headed "Civil Rights Conference Registration" and bearing the penciled name HARRIET FAHEY. Item retained as 100-15963-1B3-(24).

(8.) A mimeographed Civil Rights Conference Registration form bearing in ink "Louise Winston, 7814 Provident St., Zone 19 Org \_\_\_\_\_ or church (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ CRC". Item retained as 100-27496-1A-20.

(9.) A Civil Rights Conference Registration form bearing in ink "William Brockmon, 6900 Henley St., Zone 19 Tel GE 8-8338". Item retained as 100-6421-1A-30.

(10.) A Civil Rights Conference Registration form bearing in ink "Hans Blumenfeld, 6340 Greene St., Zone 49 Tel TE 9-2656". Item retained as 100-28565-1B1-(19).

(11.) A slip of scratch paper headed "Agenda" and reading as follows:

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| "Chairman:                    | Sol or Eli |         |
| I Report -                    | Jack -     | 40 min. |
| II Report - Action program -  |            | Louise  |
| III Discussion and questions  |            |         |
| IV Organization of activity   |            |         |
| V Chairman - brief collection |            |         |

Registration 50¢"

Item filed as 100-27496-1A-21.

(12.) Three copies of a two-page mimeographed "Plan of Work" reading as follows:

"I. PROPOSED ACTION ON ANTI-SEDITION LAW

1. DELEGATION: to 3 State assemblymen

1. Herman Toll - 50th Ward - 2323 76th Ave.
2. Joshua Eilberg - 35th Ward 6309 Horrock St.
3. Charles C. Smith - 15th & 22nd Wards - 503 E. Wadsworth (house minority leader)

Ask the Assemblymen and Senator to intervene with Gov. Leader to withdraw Pennsylvania's appeal on the Sedition Law, before the United States Supreme Court.

- "B. GETTING SIGNATURES ON 200 POST CARDS addressed to Gov. Leader asking that he support the position of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which invalidated the Sedition Law. Distribution of material put out by committee to End Sedition Laws, with the postcards. These cards to be turned over to the North Phila. Area Committee on Civil Liberties, with the prospective of organizing a delegation to take the cards directly to Harrisburg.
- C. VISITING OF KEY LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY
1. Ask that they intervene with Gov. Leader.
  2. Suggest that resolutions upholding the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court invalidation of the Sedition Law be passed in their organization and sent to Gov. Leader.
  3. Ask that they have a speaker on the Sedition Law appear before their organization or that they discuss the question in their organization. Speakers can be requested through Mrs Louise Winston 7814 Provident Rd.

PEOPLE TO BE VISITED:

Rabbi Meir Lasker - Temple Judea - 6929 N. Broad St.  
Rev. Harmon M. Gehr - Universalist Church the Reso-  
ration 923 E. Dorset  
Rev. W. T. Vandover - Oak Lane Baptist Church  
6610 N. 11 St.  
Constance Dallas--Mrs George W.  
Dr. & Mrs John H. Arnett 6200 Ardleigh

Rev. J. Quinton Jackson - Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
45 W. Rittenhouse St.  
Mr. Charles Liddell - director of Germantown Settlement  
324 East High St. (office)  
Rabbi Pinchos Chazin - Temple Sholom - 1452 Benner  
Mr. Leon Raider - Upper NE Coordinating Committee  
843 Disston  
Mr. Herbert Linsenberg, esq., 1626 E. Walnut Lane

- D. Get the organization of which you are a member have a speaker on the Sedition Law and pass resolutions to be sent to Gov. Leader.

- "E. HELP IN THE SALE OF THE THIRTEENTH JUROR— a book by Steve Nelson, victim of the Pa. Sedition Law, about the conditions in the Blaunox County Jail, and the Sedition trial. Copies of the Book can be ordered through Mrs Winston.

The North Phila. Area Committee on Civil Liberties will continue work on the Sedition Law, with the prospect of visiting rank and file trade unionists, union leaders, leaders of Negro, Jewish, and Fraternal organization. Leaders in general of civic and community life.

## II. PROPOSED ACTIONS ON ANTI-INFORMER CAMPAIGN

- A. Delegation to \_\_\_\_\_ asking that he work for and support a Congressional investigation of the use of informers.
- B. It is proposed that the informer question be raised with the same community leaders that will be seen on Sedition, where possible.
1. Ask them to communicate with Senator Kilgore of the Senate Judiciary Committee--Senate Office Building Washington D.C. calling for his committee to investigate the use of informers by the Department of Justice. Ask that they have a speaker and pass resolutions in their organization on the informer.
- C. HELP IN THE SALE OF FALSE WITNESS a book by Harvey Matusow who reveals that he lied as a witness in trials and hearings and the government attorneys helped him prepare his false testimony. Copies of the book can be ordered through Mrs Louise Winston.
- D. That the North Phila. Area Committee on Civil Liberties in the near future start a campaign to:
1. Obtain 500 signatures on petitions to Senator Kilgore asking for an investigation of the use of informers.
  2. Visit Ministers and Rabbis and give them copies of material dealing with the opposition of religious leaders to the use of informers. Ask that they deliver sermons on the informer and make public their sentiments. Ask that they invite a speaker and get petitions signed in their congregations.
  3. Distribution of mass pamphlets

## III. NORTH PHILA. AREA COMMITTEE on Civil Liberties to carry out plans and discussion of the conference.

"IV. FINANCES TO CARRY OUT CAMPAIGN

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| Material for conference and conference expenses     | \$ 85.00        |
| Printing & mailing as result of conference dec.     | 120.00          |
| Pamphlets etc.                                      | 45.00           |
| Delegation to Harrisburg                            | 60.00           |
| Total to be raised for immediate conference actions | <u>\$300.00</u> |

ANNOUNCEMENT

Support the conference being held by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee in Philadelphia on June 11th. The Conference will deal mainly with the fight against State Sedition Laws as well as other civil liberties questions. It is proposed that North Phila. have a large delegation to this conference and that tickets be taken, and sold by the North Phila. Committee on Civil Liberties and others working with this committee."

On the left margin of one copy of the above was written "Martin Silvert, 5338 N. 15" and under that "M. Vincent Mullen, 7180 Jackson St."

One copy of the above is filed as 100-27496-1A-23. The other two copies are filed as 100-31535-1B-121 (39).

Regarding items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 mentioned above, FOIA(b, ) who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ELMER C. MULLEN on 6/8/55 (informant's written report in  ) that a Civil Rights Congress sponsored Civil Liberties Conference was held on 6/2/55, at 135 West Upsal Street, Philadelphia. The Chairman was SOL ROTENBERG; (the ELI mentioned above may be ELI FINKELSTEIN who was reported by the informant to be present at the conference.); the featured speakers were JACK ZUCKER and LOUISE WINSTON; SOL ROTENBERG was the collection speaker. The registration fee was 50¢. Informant advised that HANS BLUTENFELD and WILLIAM BROCKMON attended the conference but HARFLET FAHEY was not reported in attendance. The informant advised that LOUISE WINSTON read a "Plan of Work" for the conference.

It is believed, therefore, that items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were all used in connection with this conference.

(13.) Two copies of a printed pamphlet (four pages) entitled "Honor the Bill of Rights" and dated December 1953. This pamphlet denounces McCarthyism and bears the following at the end: "For further information and aid, write to Civil Rights Congress, 312 Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia 22, Pa."

This item is filed as 100-31535-1B-121 (37).

(14.) Copies of a CRC publication "Let Freedom Ring" for January-February 1955, with February 1955 Social Supplement, and March 1955. These bore the address "Eric and Louise Winston, 7814 Provident Street, Philadelphia 19, Pa." This item is filed as 100-28565-1B1 (20).

(15.) A mimeographed form letter dated 10/5/55, addressed to "Dear Friend" concerning the "brutal murder of Emmett Till" and advising that the CRC had already held three open-air meetings. The letter invites the recipient "to participate with the Civil Rights Congress in helping to plan and carry out a concentrated plan of work around the disgraceful situation in Mississippi and throughout the South." It urges attendance at a meeting at 8:30 p.m. on 10/10 (55) at the CRC Office, 312 Hardt Building, 1649 Broad Street. The letter is signed with the typed signature "John L. Holton, Executive Director."

The letter is retained as 100-28565-1B1 (18).

(16.) A torn typed promissory note on CRC letterhead wherein the Pennsylvania CRC promises to pay the bearer \$50.00 on (date torn off). The note is signed in ink "J.S. Zucker" and has typed underneath "J.S. Zucker, Organizational Director."

Above item filed as 100-31535-1B-121 (36).

(17.) A three-page carbon copy of the "Legislative Program of the Pennsylvania Civil Rights Congress." This item is filed as 100-31535-1B-121 (38).

(18.) A printed four-page brochure entitled "The Crime of Albert Blumberg" "Thinking Forbidden Thoughts." The brochure indicates it was published by "The Committee to Defend Albert Blumberg, Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier, Chairman, Mrs. Mary Polcy Grossman, Secretary." The brochure contains an appeal for funds and directs that donations be sent to "Miss Elizabeth Frazier, Chairman, Committee to Defend Dr. Albert Blumberg, 8024 Roanoke St., Philadelphia 18, Pa."

The above item is being retained as 100-41742-1B1-(11).

(19.) An undated form letter on stationery of the Committee to Defend Dr. Albert Blumberg. This letter is an appeal for funds and bears the printed signatures of ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER and MARY F. GROSSMAN with their titles under their names.

Also a mimeographed form letter on the same stationery dated 2/19/56, and headed "The Government Rests." It berates the government's witnesses in the Blumberg trial during February 1956 and appeals for funds for legal fees. It directs that donations be sent c/o Miss ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Chairman, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18.

Both the above items are filed as 100-41742-1B1 (12).

(20.) Ten copies of a printed letter dated February 1955 and bearing the salutation "Dear Friend". The letter calls attention to an enclosed fact sheet concerning false testimony of informers in proceedings before the courts, congressional committees, the Subversive Activities Control Board, and other governmental agencies. The letter refers to the confessions of HARVEY MATUSOW. The letter urges the recipient to write to U.S. Attorney W. WILSON WHITE, U.S. Court House, 9th and Market Streets, asking that he join with the defense in requesting a directed verdict of acquittal. The letter requests the recipient to sign a petition and return it with contributions to Miss ELIZABETH FRAZIER, 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa.

The above letter bears the printed signatures of HANS BLUMENFELD, KENNETH RIPLEY FORBES, and ELIZABETH FRAZIER. The address 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, is printed in the lower left hand corner.

Also obtained were eighteen or more brochures entitled "The Matusow Story" which were possibly intended to be enclosed for mailing with the above letters.

One copy each of the letter and brochure are being made exhibits in the following files:

100-41742-1B1-(13)  
100-29099-1A9  
100-34671-1B1(5)  
100-6087-1B-(18)  
100-28565-1B1-(21)  
100-27496-1A-22



PH 100-28565

Concerning the above letters and brochures it is noted that [redacted] advised SA ELMER C. MULLEN (informant's written report in [redacted] on 3/18/55, that JACK ZUCKER distributed letters and brochures of the same description at a CRC meeting at the residence of ERIC and LOUISE WINSTON on 3/15/55.

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SAC (100-41742)

4/23/56

SA JOSEPH G. KELLY

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG;  
IS-C.

On 4/9/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with a four page brochure, "The Crime of DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG." This brochure discusses the indictment of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG under the Membership Section of the Smith Act of 1940, and it urges the recipient to (1) Write to President Eisenhower asking that he halt further Smith Act prosecutions and arrests; (2) Write your Congressman calling his attention to the growing demand for repeal of the Smith Act; (3) Aid in the defense of Dr. BLUMBERG by sending contributions to: Committee to DEFEND ALBERT BLUMBERG, Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier, Chairman, Mrs. Mary Foley Grossman, Secretary.

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This brochure contains photographs of Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG on pages one and two, and a photograph of DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG on page two.

The above item is being maintained as an exhibit in Philadelphia file 100-41742-1B1(14).

1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG.)

1 - 100-8548 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)

1 - 100-34579 (DOROTHY BLUMBERG)

1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER)

① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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SA ROBERT E. KENT

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
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A trash cover was previously placed on the residence of MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, 2303 Delancey Street, in an effort to secure information concerning captioned organization of which GROSSMAN is secretary.

On 4/17/56 SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON secured the results of this trash cover. Included in this material were pay envelopes for one M. GROSSMAN indicating employment at Gimbel's, Philadelphia, during November and December 1955. These items were not retained.

On 4/24/56 SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON secured the results of this trash cover. However, the material reflected nothing pertinent to instant investigation and was not retained.

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① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . . . . . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-41742)

FROM: SA JOSEPH G. KELLY

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG;  
IS-C.

DATE: 4/26/56

On 3/9/56, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with a letter dated 2/29/56, issued by the Committee to defend Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, and written on the letterhead stationery of that organization. The letterhead stationery reflects that the officers of this organization are Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, Secretary, and Miss ELIZABETH P. FRIZIER, Chairman.

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- 1 - Baltimore (Registered Mail)
  - 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - WFO (Registered Mail)
  - 1 - [REDACTED]
- 3 - New York (Registered Mail)
  - 1 - 100-9984 (Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG)
  - 1 - 100- (Dr. JOHN SOMERVILLE)
  - 1 - 134-66 (JOHN LAUTNER)
- 9 - Philadelphia
  - 1 - 100-41742 (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
  - 1 - 100-6087 (ELIZABETH FRIZIER)
  - ① 1 - 100-8535 (MRS. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
  - 1 - 100-30938 (COMPROS)
  - 1 - 100-8548 (Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG)
  - 1 - [REDACTED]
  - 1 - [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-40289 (Dr. JOHN SOMERVILLE)
  - 1 - [REDACTED]

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This letter purports to be a summary of the Government's Case presented in the trial of MR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG under the Membership Section of the Smith Act of 1940. The letter minimizes the testimony of government witnesses JOHN LONOVAN, JOHN LOUTNER, DOROTHY SULEN, MARY STALLCUP MARKWARD, HERLIN THOMAS, HARRY WALTER, and WILLIAM McLeod. The letter urges the recipient to attend the sessions of BLUMBERG's trial in which the defense would present its case, commencing on 2/27/56. The letter further reflected that MR. JOHN SOMMERVILLE, identified as a professor at Hunters College, in New York, would testify on that date as a witness in BLUMBERG's behalf.

- The letter further requests that contributions for the legal defense of MR. BLUMBERG be forwarded to ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER, Committee Chairman, at 8024 Roanoke Street, Philadelphia 18, Pa.

The above item is being retained as an exhibit in Philadelphia file 100-41742-1B-1-(9).

The following names are being indexed to this memo:

JOHN LONOVAN,  
DOROTHY SULEN,  
WILLIAM McLEOD.

SAC (100-23644)

5/14/56

SA ROBERT E. KENT

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On 5/4/56, SE GEORGE B. DAVIDSON secured the leaflet described below from a trash cover on the residence of MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, 2302 Delancey Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This item is not being retained as an exhibit, as announcement of this meeting appeared in Philadelphia newspapers on 5/4/56.

A one-page mimeographed leaflet announcing the Teachers Union presentation of its 11th Annual Luncheon-Conference. This affair was to be held Saturday, 5/5/56, at the Sylvania Hotel from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The luncheon speaker was to be Dr. OTTO NATHAN, Professor of Economics, New York University. Two morning panels were to be held at this affair. The one under the topic "The Goal of Learning: For Some or For All" was reflected as having as Chairman, Mrs. EDITH HURLEY and as speakers, Dr. IRVING ADLER, New York Lecturer, Author, and Teacher, and Mrs. ISABEL GEHR, Philadelphia Parent and Community Leader. The second panel was to discuss the topic "The Goal of Brotherhood: Are Our Own Schools Integrated?" This panel was to have as its Chairman, Mrs. GOLDIE WATSON and as its speaker, FRANCIS JENNINGS, with the second speaker to be announced. Tickets were to be ordered from IDA LANGMAN, 5309 Baring Street.

1 - 100-23644  
① - 100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)  
1 - 100-30065 (EDITH HURLEY)  
1 - 100-5863 (FRANCIS JENNINGS)  
1 - 100-33266 (IDA K. LANGMAN)  
1 - 100-2772 (GOLDIE WATSON)

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Mrs. ISABEL GEHR

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
SM-C  
Office File: 100-8535\*

8/20/56

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card:

Residence: 2nd Floor, 2302 Delancey Place, Phila., Pa.

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_) Detcom (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_) Consab (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_)  
Security Flash (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_) Photo (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_)

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

Employment: Teacher, Miquon School (Private school)  
Address: Harts Lane, Miquon, Pa. (on Reading Rd near Norristown, Pa.)  
Key Facility: (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_) Geographical Reference Number:  
Tab, Detcom and Consab: (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_)

Method of Verification: Interview with [redacted] 85-35-206  
Rm 403 Widener Bldg (residence)

Employment Source:  
Date: 9/17/56 See  
Verified By: Elmer T. Miller

Residence: Same  
Method of Verification: [redacted]

Neighborhood Source: [redacted]  
Date: 9/17/56  
Verified By: Elmer T. Miller

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: (Yes\_\_\_)(No\_\_\_)

SI EVALUATION:

Meets Standards: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Agent's Initials: ETM

RETURN TO #2 DESK BY  
R/S WHEN COMPLETED

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TO : Director, FBI (100-154774)

DATE: 9/19/56

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-8535)

SUBJECT: MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

XX The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher, Miquon School, Hart's Lane, Miquon, Whitemarsh Township, Pa.

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ETM:mtp

REGISTERED MAIL

2--Bureau (100-154774)

1--Phila. (100-8535)

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100-8535-207



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TO : SAC (100-8535)

DATE: 9/18/56

FROM : SA ELMER T. MILLER

SUBJECT: MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN  
SM-C

Re FD 154 dated 8/20/56.

On 9/13/56, SA ELMER T. MILLER observed a sign on the doorbell at 2302 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, Pa., indicating that this was the residence of ROY GROSSMAN.

By means of a pretext interview with a person who identified herself as Mrs. JONES at 2313 Delancey Place, it was determined that MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN resides at 2302 Delancey Place and is a teacher of history in the Philadelphia public schools. Mrs. JONES stated that Mrs. GROSSMAN is never home until after 5:00 p.m., on any particular date.

Mrs. JONES advised that ROY GROSSMAN spent \$2,400 for a prostate operation at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and is currently extremely ill and is in the Veterans Hospital, Philadelphia. Mrs. JONES described ROY GROSSMAN as "at the point of death."

Since it appeared that Mrs. JONES might be senile, FD 154 is not being submitted reflecting subject's employment as a school teacher until after verification. FD 122 should not be submitted until after verification of the above mentioned employment.

It is suggested that 100-19463 be reopened in order to determine ROY GROSSMAN Sr.'s current condition.

1-(100-8535) *Miller*  
1-(100-19463) (ROY GROSSMAN, SR.)

ETM:sto  
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destroyed pursuant to  
instructions in BuA/T  
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